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**T**homas H. Martin, 82, Tarpon Springs, passed away suddenly at 3:56 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, from cardiac arrest in Tarpon Springs, Florida.

He is preceded in death by his mother and father, Velma Alexander and Luster Martin; his brother Alfred Martin (Janis), and sister Dorothy Chandler.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Charolette J. Martin of Tarpon Springs; loving sister June Martin Jackson; nieces and nephews; three children, daughter Pamela Mytych (Richard); son Thomas Martin (Cathy); daughter Debra Smith (Daniel); and 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Tom was born on Nov. 18, 1935, in Athens, Ohio. He moved to Michigan in his high school years where he met the love of his life, his high school sweetheart, Charolette. He loved his country and served in the Air Force National Guard and was an N.R.A member. Tom worked as a design engineer supervisor for Ford Motor Company, heavy truck. In his younger years he loved square dancing, and the Ford Wagon train camping club. During his time with the wagon train, he became the wagon master. Tom retired early at age 52 and traveled the United States for three years in a motor home with Charolette and their dog Kayto. Tom and Charolette spent their winters in Florida and summers in Michigan. He enjoyed woodworking, a true 'jack of all trades', he loved his pets; birds and cats, and he loved going to garage sales. John Wayne was his hero and he often referred to himself as an armchair cowboy. Tom loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren dearly.

A private memorial service for immediate family will be held.

Some of Tom's favorite quotes include:

"Live and let live"

"A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

"The truth always comes out."



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"Go a mile out of your way to avoid a left hand turn."

"Be a positive example for others."



## Tribute Wall

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**Ruth Deljevic** posted:

I am so sorry, Martin family. We have all lost a wonderful, kind, upstanding man. This area says, "Share a Memory" and I have so many. As a little girl, Tom and the Martins were a fixture in my life. I was fortunate to have Debbie as my best childhood friend and we spent every weekend we could together. I can also remember so many Ford Wagon Train camping trips. Tom made such a positive impression on me, as a dad and husband. He was smart, confident, strong, kind, dependable and you could tell how much he cared about you. All the things you would want a dad and husband to be. He changed my life. Because of him I saw the kind of man I could marry. I wanted to marry someone as good as Tom. I did. As a young adult, I bought my first 'real' car from Tom and Charolette - a black and silver Granada. I still remember that day. As a young mom, Charolette (and Tom at times), took care of my baby while they were here in Michigan. As an older adult, I loved seeing him in his chair or at a garage sale and giving him a hug. We always had Ford Motor Company in common. There are many more memories. He knew how good he was for me and my life. He knew he had an impact. I told him a long time ago. Martins, I am so so sorry. I will miss Tom forever. Love you, Ruthie

December 3 at 12:52 PM

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**Margaret** December 4 at 8:34 PM

I am so sorry about losing my cousin by marriage to Charlotte I will miss him he is in heaven with my husband and his love ones I will miss him love Margaret

RP

**Robert Plafchan** posted:

Tom was a good friend and was always willing to help and his help taught me all about the RV Lifestyle and how to do things the safe way and the correct way when it came to a RV. Tom will be missed by all who he came in contact with him.

December 3 at 11:05 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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