

Melvin Martin, 72

Aug. 21, 1918 — Aug. 13, 1991

MONTEVIDEO, MN. — Melvin Martin, son of Clifford and Alma (Conrad) Martin was born Aug. 21, 1918, near Sibley. He grew up in the Sibley area, and as a young man, served his country during WW II, in the U.S. Army. During his service, he saw combat action in the European Theatre of operations, specially France, where he was a member of a rifle squad specializing in night patrol and night combat. Among his citations are included the Purple Heart, the European Campaign Ribbon, the Bronze Star, and the Good Conduct Medal.

In 1947, he married Marian Franklin in Kansas City, KS. They moved to MN. from IA in 1952, and farmed near Battle Lake. In 1969, they moved to Montevideo, where he pursued interests in carpentry and more specifically, renovating older homes for re-sale. He died Aug. 13, 1991, at St. Cloud Veterans Hospital in St. Cloud, MN., one week and one day before his 73rd birthday. He was a member of the Montevideo American Legion Post, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans of Milan, MN., a former member of the Eagle's Club, and at one time, was very active in the Republican Task Force.

Preceding him in death was his father. Surviving him in addition to his wife, Marian of Montevideo, are his children, Richard Martin of Perryville, MO.; Pat Arden of New York, N.Y.; Judy (Dennis) Helle of Maynard, MN.; Carol (Al) Tomney of Linden, N.J.; Ron Ware of Kennewick, WA.; David (Margaret) Martin of Alexandria, MN.; Nancy (James) Stokes of Santa Fe, N.M., and Kerry Martin of Palm Bay, FL.; his mother, Alma Martin of Harlan; 19 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; one sister, Elenor Chambers of Omaha, NE.; and one brother, Verle Martin (Rose) of Ashby, MN.; two nieces and one nephew.

Funeral services were held Aug. 16, 1991, at the Wing-Bain Funeral Home Chapel in Montevideo with Rev. Roger Rekstad, officiating. Military honors and graveside services were held Aug. 17, 1991, at the Shelby cemetery, with the American Legion, Post #240 of Shelby, officiating. Casketbearers were Bill Richardson, Ivan Christiansen, David Augeson, Lynn Hagen, Ron Peterson and Max Buschmann. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of graveside services.