



Don T. Martin

January 26, 1932 - February 17, 2019

Don T. Martin, 87, of Morgantown, died Sunday, February 17, 2019, at the Ruby Memorial Hospital. Born in Greensboro, Pa. on Jan. 26, 1932, he was a son of the late Joseph and Anna Frederick Yednock.

He was raised in Point Marion, and attended the Point Marion High School. After high school, he joined the Air Force, and was stationed in Wyoming during the Korean Conflict, serving as an instructor from 1952 – 56. In 1958, he returned to his hometown of Point Marion, started dating his wife-to-be, and attending West Virginia University, where he received his Bachelors and Masters of Arts degree. He furthered his education by receiving his PhD at Ohio State University. From 1970 until his retirement in 2010, he was a professor at the University of Pittsburgh, teaching his primary focus, which was the history of education.

Since 2014, Don and his wife Jane have lived at the Village at Heritage Point in Morgantown. During the last year of his life, the family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at Morgantown Health and Rehabilitation and Heather Sullivan for the love and care they provided to Don during his illness.

During his 87 years, Don created many beautiful gardens, was an avid Pitt football fan, and enjoyed wine making as well as camping across the US and backpacking in Europe with his family.

Surviving is his wife of 59 years, E. Jane (Rosnick) Martin, who he married on May 30, 1959; three children, Joe, Holly (Powers) and Jennifer (Taylor); six grandchildren, Emily, Michael, Y., Michael P., Lily, Laura and John; and two brothers, Bernard Yednock of Point Marion and Albert Yednock of Harrisburg, Pa.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Joe, John, Steve, George and Robert Yednock, and sisters, Ann, Kay, Helen and Pauline.

The family will receive friends in the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion on Wednesday from 6 - 8 PM., and Thursday, from 10 until 11:00 A.M., the hour of a Blessing Service. Interment follows in Evergreen Memorial Park, Point Marion.

Memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be offered to University of Pittsburgh football program at www.pittsburghpanthers.com

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Park

7500 Morgantown Road
Point Marion, PA 15474

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Herod-Rishel Funeral Home
501 Morgantown Street
Point Marion, PA 15474
(724) 725-5245
rishel@atlanticbb.net
<https://www.herod-rishel.com>

Visitation

FEB 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

FEB 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RW

“ My first class in the School of Education was taught by Don, who was a breath of fresh air for me. He always leavened a serious message with humor. He was also on my PhD committee. He was a "good guy".

Roy Wilson - July 05, 2024 at 06:11 PM

RW

“ Without intending to, Don persuaded me by his actions and his ideas, to enter the PhD program in Education at the University of Pittsburgh. Don was able to maintain contrary points of view, an ability that doubtless account for his ability to present ideas to students that did not mesh with their prior notions. One example of his ability to juggle conflicting ideas and sentiments was: (1) the picture of Karl Marx that faced his desk, and (2) his eagerness to exploit the retirement plan offered by the University, despite its investment philosophy. I liked Don and respected him.

Roy Wilson - June 24, 2021 at 02:22 PM

RA

“ Dear Jane, Ruth, Joe, Holly and Jennifer, it was with sadness that I read of Don death, as I have such fond memories of the time I spent with all of you in 1977. It was on Monday July 25, 1977 that I had the privilege of meeting you, Don, Jane, Holly and Jennifer in the camp ground in Ennis Montana and the next day I recorded "Don was seedy from his wine". At this point I mentioned that I may have some time available at the end of next month. August, before I flew back to London and I was invited to your home in Pittsburgh. So in late August I flew to Pittsburgh and spent a week with the family, meeting Ruth, and was presented with a Pittsburgh T-Shirt (which I was able to wear until recently) and a Steelers pom pom hat, which I still wear today when it is cold. I was then invited to spend Christmas with the family at Key West in December, and it was on this trip that I met Joe. My diary talks of the hospitality that the whole family exhibited to me, but Don was the leader. Even though this was 42 years ago I remember it well. My sympathy goes out to all the family. best Regards Russell Anderson, Rochester, Victoria, Australia. 0459 741 955. russ.anderson@hotmail.com

Russell Anderson - July 20, 2019 at 04:36 AM

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“ Debi Diakunik Smith lit a candle in memory of Don T. Martin



Debi Diakunik Smith - February 19, 2019 at 11:23 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Don T. Martin.



February 19, 2019 at 01:38 PM