



## Gilbert "Gib" E Martin

October 19, 1926 - June 1, 2018

Princeton – Gilbert “Gib” E. Martin, 91, of Princeton, IL passed away on Friday, June 1, 2018 at the Illinois Veterans Home in LaSalle, IL.

Gib was born on October, 19, 1926 in Pueblo, Colorado to Cora Schenk Martin. He graduated from Princeton High School and soon enlisted in the United States Navy. He served our country from October 1944 to June 1946 and was most proud of his service on the USS Franklin. He was a survivor along with the rest of the members of the 704 Club from the USS Franklin, which nearly sunk 50 miles from the main land of Japan in 1945. He married Mary Stencil August 19, 1979. Gib started his own carpet business Martin Flooring Company in Princeton, IL and then sold real estate in the area until retiring.

He was a member of the 48+ Princeton Gun Club, Princeton Moose Lodge, Princeton Elks Lodge, Ducks Unlimited, Princeton American Legion, CV13 704 Club of USS Aircraft Carrier Franklin “Big Ben” and the Relator’s Association.

Gib is survived by his wife Mary Stencil Martin as well as daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his mother.

Visitation for Gib will be on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. in Princeton, IL from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Services will be held at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. officiated by Deacon John Murphy, followed by internment at Oakland Cemetery, Princeton, IL.

In lieu of flowers the family asked that memorials be directed to the American Legion, Princeton, IL or Donor's Choice.

Online condolences may be left at [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

JW

“Gib has been a dear friend to our family for a long time. He helped with the farming (learning mostly), ate breakfast with us many times, shared lots of memories, hunted with my husband & bought into a farm with us at one time, and was a good mentor for me in the real estate business. Will miss him but have good memories

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**joyce Washer** - June 07, 2018 at 12:25 PM

ER

“I have very fond memories of Gib. As a child, I remember him laying carpet at my parents house. He always told the story of putting tiny pieces of carpet in my father's shoes. Quite the prankster. Growing up with Cheri and Janet, I spent time at the house on Park Avenue. I was reacquainted with Gib when I went to work for ERA Real Estate. For 10 years I worked with him. Lots of fun times with all of the real estate agents. During my time at Logan Junior High School, I would always see him at the Veterans Day Program. He had lots of stories to tell of his time in the service. I know it meant a lot to him and he was always touched with the way we honored the veterans. It was always nice to see him there. He will be missed. Gib, you were a great guy! My thoughts and prayers go out to your family.

*Ellen Philbrook Ringenberg*

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**Ellen Ringenberg** - June 07, 2018 at 11:16 AM

PS

“So sorry to learn of Gib's passing. Lots of good memories of working with him and his friendship. Mary and the girls you are in out prayers. Phil and Sandy Schlindwein

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**Philip E Schlindwein** - June 07, 2018 at 08:48 AM

SB

“ Cherie and Janet,

*It's been a joy to get reacquainted with you.  
I remember you both as little girls growing up. I know your dad  
would be proud of the beautiful, intelligent and generous women  
you have become. You have my deepest sympathy for this difficult  
time in your family.*

*Sarah Brooks*

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**Sarah Brooks** - June 07, 2018 at 07:59 AM

CW

“ *Mary and family, I was so sorry to hear of Gib's death He was a  
friend of my parents and a good friend to Verne Shaffer who is now  
in a nursing home here in Princeton. I remember working with him  
at the real estate agency that Buck Sutliff owned. He was always a  
fair agent and I appreciated that. He lived a long and full life and I  
know you will have many memories of your life together. I am  
unable to come to the visitation tomorrow as I will be out of town.  
Please accept Verne's and my sincere condolences during this sad  
time for you and your family. Carolyn Workman*

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**Carolyn Workman** - June 06, 2018 at 09:51 AM

MM

“ *Mary Martin purchased the Bountiful Memories C  
asket Spray for the family of Gilbert "Gib" E  
Martin.*



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**Mary Martin** - June 05, 2018 at 01:16 PM



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**Norberg Memorial Home** - June 05, 2018 at 12:38 PM