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Martin Ritchey Sidener, known to all his family and friends as “Marty” has passed from this earthly life to his heavenly home on February 7, 2015 in Dallas, Texas. He was born on February 1, 1925 to Roy and Pearl Sidener in Arkansas City, Kansas. He was the middle child of 5 children. Marty was a lover of life and life loved him back. He was very social and was involved in many activities. He was known for his generous spirit; anything that flies, golf and food! Marty married Jo Ann Radley Sidener during WWII in 1944 and they were married for 63 years. They had two children Martin Radley and Lyn Dee. He enlisted in the Air Force during WWII at age 17 and became a 1st pilot at the age of 18 and flew 48 missions over Europe without getting shot down before he turned 20 years old. Marty is probably the youngest B26 Bomber pilot in WWII. For his efforts, he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and The Air Medal with 8 Oak Leaf Clusters. After the war he graduated from Southwestern College in Winfield Kansas. After teaching high school sports in Dexter, Kansas, he took a job in Wichita, Kansas at Boeing. The job at Boeing lead to an aircraft sales representative job in Dallas Texas, where he sold Aerospace parts for a living, which helped him enjoy the life he lived. They retired in Granbury, Texas where he built his dream house with an airplane hangar on the side. He belonged to “The Marauder Men of the Metroplex; The Marauder Historical Society, Past Board Member for Pecan Plantation Country Club, he participated in the EAA chapter where he lived in Granbury, Texas, he also belonged to the Pecan Plantion RV Club and the WestTex RV Club. He is preceded in death by Jo Ann Radley Sidener and his son, Martin Radley Sidener. Marty leaves behind his daughter, Lyn Sidener Baugh of Granbury, Texas; Brian Sidener and wife, Alana of Dallas, Texas, Michelle Sidener Maples, Aaron Ritchey Baugh and Jamie Lyn Baugh; great-grandchildren, Campbell and Will Sidener, Taylor, Holland and Ryan Maples; sisters, Ruth Turner of Arvada, Colorado and Thelma Morris of Sacramento, California; nephew, Scott Sidener and



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wife Betty Sue of Dallas, Texas. Marty also leaves behind many friends. The visitation for Martin Sidener will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2015 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Restland Funeral Home. The service for Martin Sidener will be held on Friday, February 20, 2015 at 1:00pm at DFW National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please give to the Marauder Historical Society, Pecan Plantation EMS, Walnut Hill United Methodist Church, The Alzheimers Association or the charity of your choice.



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LD

Linda Dennis posted:

My prayers are with your family as you grieve the loss of Marty. Whether he was your father, grandfather, uncle, cousin, brother or friend, rest assured he is with his Savior today. As a young man, he was a hero as he flew missions in WWII against foreign enemies. He protected those he held dear without concern with for his own well being. Today, he wants only the best for each of you. Hold on to the memories because I believe as long as we remember, they are always with us. Cherish your memories and hold them close to your hearts forever. How blessed you all were to have this gentleman for 90 years and were able to celebrate that milestone with him. He loved you! Linda J. Dennis

August 24 at 5:25 PM

LB

Lyn Baugh posted:

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August 24 at 11:19 AM

DC

Dave & Donna Christman posted:

It is always so sad to lose a friend and neighbor. May you rest in peace Marty and lifting his family in prayer.

August 23 at 7:03 PM

JR

Junellia Phillips Russell posted:

Many heartfelt condolences are being sent to the family of Martin Sidener as his Winfield High School classmates learn of his passing. Marty's life and times as the young man we recall have been a joy to all who knew him. He was always so successful and such an inspiration to others in sports, at Southwestern College and in the Air Force. He will live on in our memories and those memories will endure as an honor to the type of person he was. May he rest in Peace. Sincerely Junellia Phillips Russell WHS Class of 1943.

February 6 at 7:00 PM



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Kim Gentry posted:

Big Marty, as we always called him, was the nicest most generous person I believe I have ever known. He often let me take him to the airport and then would let me drive his car while he was out of town. As a high school kid I thought that was the greatest thing to be able to take his car to school. He would hit golf balls in the area behind our houses and we would go and pick them up for him and then he would pay us to do so. We thought we were rich!!!! He and Jo were special friends to our parents. They had lots of fun and good times together. I know they are all reminiscing about their adventures together and playing cards and having a grand time. Big Marty when we meet again I will always remember "swordfish". Cheers to a wonderful wonderful man and thank you for serving our country. I was so honored to be able to go to his 90th birthday party the week before he passed away. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, Lyn, Jamie, Aaron, Michelle and Brian.

February 6 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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