



Mr. Martin T. Dispensa

November 11, 1932 - May 2, 2012

Martin T. Dispensa

Beloved Father and Grandfather

50 Year Andover resident

ANDOVER—Martin Thomas Dispensa passed away peacefully on Wednesday afternoon, May 2, 2012, at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

Martin was the loving husband of Gail (Leary) Dispensa who passed away on December 18, 2005.

Martin was born in Lawrence on November 11, 1932, a son of Sicilian immigrants Vincent J. and Nunziata (Lombardo) Dispensa. He attended St. Patrick's Schools in Lawrence and graduated with Great Distinction from Lawrence High School with the Class of 1950. Martin went on to receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Northeastern University in 1955 and a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Northeastern in 1961.

Martin married Gail Leary on August 9, 1958 at Sacred Heart Church in Lowell. Together they celebrated 47 years of marriage and raised two loving children.

Mr. Dispensa served with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, 6 months active and seven years active reserves. He was honorably discharged as a 1st Lieutenant in 1963.

Mr. Dispensa enjoyed a long professional career as a Mechanical Engineer, working at Avco/Textron in the military design and defense contracting sectors. He retired from Textron in Wilmington as a Senior Design Engineer. Martin held professional membership in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and Tau Beta Pi and Pi Tau Sigma National Honorary Engineering Fraternities.

Martin and his wife Gail were founding members of St. Robert Bellarmine Church and were co-founders of St. Robert's Country Day School, later becoming the Andover Country Day School.

In his free time, Martin enjoyed building and flying remote control airplanes and was an active member of the 495th R/C Squadron, Inc. in Tewksbury, MA. Martin always ended his day playing and singing folk songs on his guitar. He also enjoyed tennis, golf, hiking, canoeing, skiing, and bicycling. He planned many canoeing and hiking trips for his friends and members of the Stroke and Striders.

Martin is survived by his daughter, Maura (Dispensa) Nicholson of Dracut; his son, Matt Dispensa and his wife Catherine of Hudson, NH; five grandsons, Matt Dispensa, Jr., Martin T. Dispensa, II, Michael Dispensa, Bryce Nicholson, and Ethan Nicholson; many nieces, nephews, in-laws, and his very special friend, Sheila DerMarderosian of Lexington.

Martin was the brother of the late Nicholas, Alfred, and Harry Dispensa, Tina (Dispensa) Potvin, and Agnes (Dispensa) Nobel.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Martin T. Dispensa

DISPENSA—In Andover, May 2, 2012, peacefully at his home, Martin T. Dispensa, 79, beloved husband of the late Gail (Leary) Dispensa.

Family and friends may call at the FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET, LOWELL, on SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012 from 2 until 6 P.M.

Mr. Dispensa's Funeral will begin on MONDAY MORNING at 9:30 AM from the Funeral Home, followed by his Funeral Mass at 11 AM at ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE CHURCH, 198 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, N. Tewksbury. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Martin's memory may be made to the Andover Country Day School, 198 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, MA 01810.

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS, 978-459-9222. www.faymccabe.com

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

90 River Road
North Tewksbury, MA 01876
(978) 851-2248
<http://www.stmarycemetary.com/>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 6. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home
105 Moore Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 459-9222
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<https://www.faymccabe.com>

Funeral Mass

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Robert Bellarmine
198 Haggetts Pond Road
Andover, MA 01810

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Martin T. Dispensa*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *I just came across this Obituary. Both Marty and Gail were exceptional people. (2019)*

I dated Marty's sister in law Judy Leary from 1964 to 1966. We went on many hiking and skiing trips together. Marty and Gail were very kind to me and I enjoyed their company very much. Tragically for me, Judy chose someone else to marry.

David McCabe - April 23, 2019 at 02:36 PM



“ *Deepest condolences to Marty's family and many friends. His intelligence, kindness and competence were outstanding. He could build or fix anything, had a love of nature, music and good company. He will be missed and never forgotten. Love always, Sheila*



Sheila DerMarderosian - July 04, 2012 at 09:39 PM



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Bryan Leary - May 06, 2012 at 12:20 PM

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Marty, my brother-in-law, my friend, and my Friday morning golfing buddy, I'll miss you dearly.

Bryan Leary

Bryan Leary - May 06, 2012 at 12:23 PM

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“ *Sean Rourke lit a candle in memory of Mr. Martin T. Dispensa*



Sean Rourke - May 03, 2012 at 05:41 PM

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“ *Sean Rourke sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Martin T. Dispensa*



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