



Leo I. St. Martin Jr.

January 9, 2025 - February 7, 2025

Hampton – Leo I. St. Martin Jr., (92) of Hampton, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 7, 2025, at Webster at Rye. Leo shared a remarkable marriage with his beloved wife Claire Anne (Gagne) St. Martin passing in 2024.

Leo Irving St Martin Jr. was born on January 9, 1933, in Massachusetts to Rose Blanche (Lavoie) St. Martin, and Leo Irving St. Martin.

Raised and educated in Leicester, Massachusetts, Leo graduated Leicester High School, class of 1951, playing football and serving as class vice president. He served in the U.S. Army, with a two-year tour in Germany and then graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1959 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

On June 20, 1959, Leo married the love of his life Claire Anne Gagne and together they began their devoted lives together. Beginning with their first small home on Dearborn Ave in Hampton, moving to a larger home on Taylor Street in Hampton, then to the Linden Hill Farm in North Hampton. Claire and Leo had four children, Christine, John, Paul, and Matthew. As his family moved away from the

farm, Leo and Claire returned to their beginnings and moved into their home on Towle Ave in Hampton.

All those who have been blessed to live near the Seacoast of New Hampshire during the 1960's, 1970's, and 1980's may recall that this generation shared a deep appreciation of the simpler life in these safe, polite, tight-knit, and friendly small-town neighborhoods. Leo lived his entire life as an example of the way neighbors all benefit by caring for each other. This began in our family's home and extended to the entire community through Leo's strong involvement in the OLMM Parish programs such as hosting Cursillo Weekends and Marriage Encounter retreats. In the local community Leo was an active member of both the Hampton Jaycees and the Rotary Club. Leo supported and worked with the Hampton BSA during the 1970's and the North Hampton BSA during the 1980's. Retiring on Towle Avenue in Hampton, Leo remained an active member of the Seacoast community, assisting the Rotary Club Christmas tree events, traveling each year by cruise ship with a large group of like-minded friends and then enjoying the end of Summer with the annual Octoberfest held at their home on Towle Avenue. Leo's daily walks around Towle Ave. and Hampton Center have been missed by many.

Leo was predeceased by his wife Claire, his son Paul St. Martin, and his son-in-law Tim Carberry.

Leo is survived by his children, Christine and Steve Klatt of Rye, John and Marie St. Martin of Whitefield NH, and Matthew St. Martin of Hampton. Leo is also survived by his beloved grandchildren, Joe and Alison Carberry, Rachel Carberry, Amanda and Claire (Galvin) St. Martin, Jennie and Erik Dynan, and Sarah St Martin, and Leo's great granddaughter Norah Dynan.

Services at graveside with military honors will take place on Saturday, October

4, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at High Street Cemetery, Hampton, NH.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Portsmouth Rotary [https://
www.portsmouthrotary.org/](https://www.portsmouthrotary.org/)

Tribute Wall

PM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Leo’s passing. He was a Portsmouth Rotary friend and a dog walking neighbor. I saw him so many times walking Teak and my dogs and I never passed him without a cookie in his pocket for my guys. He was a really good guy and he is missed. I am happy to have known both Leo and Claire.

Priscilla MacInnis - February 23, 2025 at 07:29 AM

PM

“ Mr. St. Martin will always hold a special place in my heart. May he rest in peace. -Patty Mulready

Patty Mulready - February 21, 2025 at 05:50 PM

JC

“ I was very fortunate to meet Mr and Mrs st. Martin back in the early 90s. Matt and I had become good friends and would frequent lee speedway every Friday night and mrs st Martin would always welcome me with open arms and insist on some snacks and made me feel like part of the family and Mr st Martin made me feel privileged when he gave me an educational tour of Baumann valve. Both Leo and Claire are two of the nicest people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. R.I.P Mr and Mrs st. M so glad to have known you both. Godspeed to Matthew, Christy and John.
John Cardelicchio

John cardelicchio - February 19, 2025 at 07:46 PM



“ Sweet & Savory Snacks Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Leo I. St. Martin Jr..



February 19, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ Mr. St. Martin treated me like Family even before I became his Son-in-Law. His eyes lit up when Rachel or Chris brought Boo to visit. Great Memory. I miss him. Rest in Peace! --Steve Klatt

Steven L Klatt - February 19, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ What a wonderful man, true gentleman and great Rotarian. Thinking of your family and sending love from the Portsmouth Rotary Club members.

Aileen Dugan - February 18, 2025 at 12:38 PM



“ Saint was not only a tremendous man, but helped the Portsmouth Rotary club in many ways over the years. I will miss him bringing flowers to our table. He could always be counted upon and we will miss him greatly.

Tom Decker - February 18, 2025 at 10:29 AM

JH

“ We want to offer our condolences to the whole family, especially to Rachel and her Mom.
Sending our love and prayers.
With our Deepest Sympathies,
Jo and Mike Haddad

Jo and Mike Haddad - February 17, 2025 at 07:05 PM

JM

“ 44 files added to the album Leo's family, friends, and places remembered



John St. Martin - February 17, 2025 at 02:07 PM

TD

“ Chrissy, Matthew and all the St. Martin family, so very sorry to hear of Leo's passing. I'm sure Claire was there to welcome him. They had such a loving relationship. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.
Terry Driscoll

Terry Driscoll - February 17, 2025 at 01:27 PM