



## Martin D Tschirhart

December 8, 1920 - February 14, 2018

Martin Daniel Tschirhart, recently of the Texas State Veterans home in Floresville, TX passed away on February 14, 2018. Martin was a proud Navy WWII veteran and a proud 71 year member of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 142. Born on December 8, 1920 in Castroville, TX to August and Katie Tschirhart and sisters Pearl Biediger and Tina Rihn, who all preceded Martin in death. Martin married Margaret Thomas on February 21, 1954 in San Antonio, TX. Margaret preceded him in death on February 12, 1992.

Martin joined the Navy on December 8, 1941 and went to boot camp in March of 1942. He spent the next 4 years on the USS Shasta and the USS Pakana in the Pacific Theater seeing numerous battles. After WWII he came home to Castroville and after driving a beer truck for a while he decided that he needed a real job. Moving to San Antonio he entered the plumbing trade and joined the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 142. He was a faithful and active member for 71 years working at two shops, with the longest time spent at Mission Plumbing and Heating. After retiring in 1983 he worked part time at Golden Manor Nursing Home as a handyman for 10 years. In his final retirement he volunteered several days a week at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church feeding the "old people" (as he called them) lunch.

Martin loved to travel and he and Margaret took several long vacations before her death. Not to mention all the trips to the coast or the Medina River to go

fishing with whoever he could drag with him.

Martin did several oral living history interviews. One was for the Institute of Texas Cultures about the Tschirhart Hearse that is on display at the Institute (<http://digital.utsa.edu/cdm/search/collection/p15125coll4/searchterm/Martin%20Tschirhart/order/nosort>). Another was for the Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Pacific War Museum (<http://digitalarchive.pacificwarmuseum.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/p16769coll1>).

He is survived by son David M. Tschirhart and wife Bobbie Lynn, daughters Nancy Tschirhart-Brooks and husband John, Linda Tschirhart-Hejl and husband B.J..

In lieu of flowers please make a contribution to: Salvation Army, Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association or a charity of your choice.

Visitation is at Mission Funeral Chapel South Tuesday 2/20/18 at 10am with services at 11am and burial following.

# Previous Events

## Chapel Service

FEB **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories

1700 SE Military Dr

San Antonio, TX 78214

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Uncle Martin's passing makes him the last of my Uncles & Aunts. I was a teenager when Martin & Margaret were married in a Gala Catholic Wedding.  
He was one of my favorite Uncles. Margaret was definitely my most favorite aunt.  
They now rest in peace side by side.

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**Don Thomas** - February 28, 2018 at 12:01 PM

MK

“ Martin used to work for my Uncle Joe Bonugli. He was always a welcome friend at my Nana- Dolly Murray- and our house. He'd always play with me and have coffee when he was done. We loved him dearly. He always said that I could have one of his dalmation pups, but, my Nana never let me. My thoughts and prayers will be with you. R.I.P. Mr. Martin... I am Mellonie Lindbloom Ketcham...

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**Mellonie L. Ketcham** - February 20, 2018 at 06:37 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Martin D Tschirhart.



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February 19, 2018 at 08:00 PM

MR

“ It was such a great honor to provide care for Mr. Tschirhart. He has touched my heart in so many ways from his stories, to his kind felt words. I am very blessed to have had the opportunity to work with such an incredible and loving family. His wonderful personality and smile will be greatly missed. Sending prayers and hugs your way.

*Marissa Russell*  
*Social Worker at Frank M. Tejada*

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**marissa Russell** - February 19, 2018 at 05:53 PM

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“ It was an honor to have known your father. His history was intriguing and one of great honor not only as a veteran but as a father and a husband. He loved sharing stories of both and let's be honest, "He was very gifted at telling a story". He could easily captivate an audience. His presence will be greatly missed. Heartfelt prayers to all of you.

*Teresa Hall*

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**Teresa** - February 19, 2018 at 10:37 AM

AH

“ I remember Mr T bringing Mrs T to the beauty shop for her weekly appointment. He always stopped to say hi and pet the dogs. He would be a brave soul and actually enter the beauty shop and say a few words. He always had a smile on his face.

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**Annette D. Hernandez** - February 18, 2018 at 03:06 PM