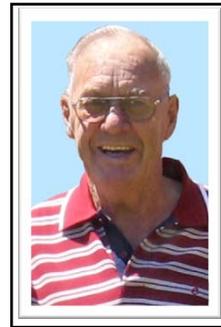


# Celebrating the life of our Husband and Dad- Jim Martin

10 November 1934 – 8 April 2008

*Those we love don't go away  
They walk beside us everyday  
Unseen, unheard but always near  
Still loved, still missed and very dear*



Our husband and father was diagnosed with prostate cancer in May 2004. With surgery and a determined attitude, he won this battle and continued to lead a full life. Unfortunately he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in January 2008, and showed great determination and courage to again fight this terrible disease. Unfortunately this was one battle he could not overcome and passed away just 3 months after diagnosis.

Dad was born at Tumut on the 10<sup>th</sup> November, 1934, to John and Nellie Martin and was the 12<sup>th</sup> of 13 children. Dad used to say that he only ever had one name, by the time his father got to name all the rest of the kids, he ran out of names to use, so he was happy with one.

Dad completed his schooling at Tumut and soon after began his trade as a builder. This trade would eventually bring him to Young and see him purchase his own business, which he and Mum would successfully run for 22 years.

In January 1966 Dad's life changed forever when he married Mum (Lyn Martin nee Forbes) and they were happily married for 42 years. Tony was then born in August 1971, followed by Louise in 1974. Dad and Mum devoted their lives to raising us and ensuring we had a happy childhood.

Living in Young Dad continually demonstrated his commitment to community service. He was actively involved in both the Apex and Lions Clubs where he served two terms as President and was eventually awarded Life membership of Lions in 2000. He also served as President of the local swimming and snooker clubs.

In his last few years, Dad and Mum spent the winter travelling throughout Australia in their caravan as part of the Grey Nomad brigade. Although he didn't always claim to enjoy his time in the caravan and grumbled about the dust and the gypsy life - the times he and Mum took off on another adventure were always fondly remembered due to the many great friends that they made along the way.

Dad was taken away from his family and friends far too soon but we are content in knowing that he lived a full life. Most of all he will be remembered as a proud Dad who would do anything for his kids.

Lyn, Tony and Louise Martin

**Forever loved and remembered**