



Martin Sevenstar

April 28, 1956 - November 20, 2025

Martin Sevenstar, 69 of Van Buren, Arkansas stepped into the presence of the Lord as he received his total healing while entering Heavens's gates, Thursday, November 20, 2025 in Van Buren. Prayers were answered as he was longing to be with his elders. He was born in Tahlequah, Oklahoma to Richard Sevenstar and Emma Polecat Sevenstar.

He was of the Baptist faith and a member of Concord Baptist Church in Van Buren, Arkansas and formerly home church BelleFonte Baptist of Nicut, Oklahoma. Martin "Bull" retired from Baldor Electric ABB after 46 years, where he was a large motor repair man. During his time at home, he and his wife enjoyed the outdoors, porch sitting and their mutual love for animals. They especially shared a love for rescued animals.

Martin was a very giving soul with a big heart. He spent his life working hard and helping others, no matter what the circumstance. He was an avid bass tournament fisherman. He enjoyed the great outdoors, fishing, hunting, singing, cookouts, barbeques, and telling stories and jokes with family and friends. He was very proud of his cultural heritage being a full blood Native American of the Cherokee tribe and a fluent Cherokee elder language speaker. He treasured and valued his time visiting with and learning from the Cherokee elders. Martin was truly a man with a generous spirit and will be missed by many family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, David Sevenstar and Billy Sevenstar; one sister, Margie Eagle; and one father-in-law, Roy G. Nichols.

Martin is survived by his wife of 49 loving years, Rhilla Lynn Nichols Sevenstar of the home; mother-in-law, Mary Ann Nichols of Van Buren; two sisters, Irene Starr of Muldrow, Oklahoma and Anna Louise Vann of Muldrow; one brother, Donald Lee Sevenstar of Muldrow; brother-in-law, Roy David Nichols and wife Janie of Van Buren; one aunt, Caryleen Gambrel; various nieces, nephews, cousins, and double cousins; and a host of family and friends.

Visitation will be 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Funeral service will be 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at Shaffer Funeral Home in Ozark, with Brother Dale Walker officiating, with burial at Highland Cemetery, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Serving as pallbearers will be Keelan Dunn, Roger Harris Jr., Paul David Nichols, Arthur Salazar, Kevin Dunn Jr., and Kevin Dunn. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Allen Irvan, Juan Cortez, Allen Tumminello, O,T, Gambrel Jr., Thomas Killer, Phillip Murphy, Greg Crochran, Manuel Limon, Rocky Carroll, Dr. Wally Hayes, Thomas Muskrat, Wayne Sevenstar, Craig Middlebrook, and Ronnie Sanders.

*In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Animal Shelter-non-Kill facility of your choice; Moon Vet Clinic, 1135 US 64 in Ozark, Arkansas 72949, or Hubbs 3005 Alma Highway, Van Buren, Arkansas 72956

To leave an online memorial visit www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.com

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

Highway 64 West
Ozark, AR 72949

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
2315 West Commercial Street
PO Box 680
Ozark, AR 72949
(479) 667-4147
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Funeral service will be immediately after visitation

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Burial

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Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Such a fine man! His presence filled every room that he entered, he could catch you in one his stories even better than he caught fish!*

Craig Middlebrook - November 24, 2025 at 06:08 PM

PM

“ *Me and Martin ran into each other forty years ago while out in the woods squirrel hunting. About two weeks later him and Lynn moved into a house two doors from me and Jan. We became close friends and fishing buddies from that time on. He was a great guy with a big heart who was always willing to help out anyone anywhere anytime. I consider myself very fortunate to have a friend like him.*

Phillip Murphy - November 24, 2025 at 12:26 PM

SM

“ *so sorry for your loss, Martin was such a kind fella, i enjoyed the many times he and Lynn came to Salem church where Martin always sang with us in the choir. He will be dearly missed. -
Sammie Cochran-Miller*

Sammie Miller - November 24, 2025 at 08:29 AM

SW

“ My husband, John D. Wells, worked at Baldor as did Martin. They became acquainted there as coworkers. I worked with Lynn as a RN at Sparks and was privileged to work alongside Lynn.

One Sunday afternoon, John and I rode our horses around Mount Vista, and had turned into Roy and Ann Nichols' yard to say hi to our neighbors. Lynn and Martin were there as well. Lynn said, "OH I know her." Martin grinned ear to ear and said, "I know him." We enjoyed a brief visit. After that we'd see Martin and Lynn frequently at the Nichols. And even spent a fourth of July with them. Martin was a gentle soul, well loved by many.

My heart goes to Lynn and know she is loaded with grief but I pray the good days may come back to her lovingly when grief seeks to overwhelm.

Sharon Wells

Sharon I. Wells - November 23, 2025 at 04:40 PM



I didn't know Martin well but work with Lynn at Sparks. When she spoke of Martin it was with love and pride. My heart goes out to Lynn and Martin's family.

Linda Legrand - November 25, 2025 at 11:44 AM

DG

“ Martin was a dear friend to me. We spent many hours fishing, hunting, joking, laughing and many years working together at Baldor. He was a hard worker and a man that anyone would have liked after just a minute's conversation. He'd give you the shirt off his back. I'll never forget my buddy "Bull" and all the great times we shared. Prayers for peace and comfort to Lynn and the family.

Danny Gann - November 22, 2025 at 10:35 PM

BE

Martin was a great man. I knew that the first time I met him and enjoyed every minute I was around him. My father Kenneth Edwards was how I met him we had alot of memories of Martin fishing Baldor tournaments. Martin will be forgotten by anyone who has met him. Rest in peace Martin I'm sure you and my dad are laughing and enjoying time together in Heaven. Prayers for Lynn and the rest of his family and friends. 🙏🙏

Bill Edwards - November 23, 2025 at 02:49 PM

RG

“ *Randy Gann lit a candle in memory of Martin Sevenstar*



Randy Gann - November 22, 2025 at 09:59 PM