



## Ora Martin

March 3, 1924 - March 3, 2010

KINGSFORD - Ora D. Martin, 86, of Kingsford, passed away Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at Freeman Health and Rehabilitation Community.

Ora was born July 29, 1923, in Seneca, Kan., daughter of the late William and Roma (Sonner) Woodward. After graduating from high school she earned her business degree from Strickler's Business College in Topeka, Kan.

On Jan. 6, 1946, she married William Martin in Topeka. In her younger years Ora worked as a travel agent in Florida and during the 1950s, took several tours into Cuba. She was a founding member and instrumental in writing the grant that formed the Kingsford Housing Commission. Ora served as manager of the Kingsford Housing Commission for 18 years, retiring on April 1, 1989.

Ora was a member of First Presbyterian Church and served as a Deacon and member of the choir. She also belonged to the GFWC (General Federation of Womens Club) and in recognition of a "Say No to Drugs" program she developed, was elected First Lady of the GFWC.

Ora was a published poet and was a hall of fame member of the International Society of Poets. She enjoyed snowmobiling, camping, and traveling. Ora was also an avid artist and enjoyed drawing and painting.

She is survived by her children, Bill (Sherry) Martin of Hermansville, Jan (Steve) Davidson of Iron Mountain and Lynn (Ken) Kramer of Iron Mountain; a brother, Alan (Laura) Woodward of Oklahoma; a sister, Virginia Hamilton of Santa Fe, N.M.; 11 grandchildren, Tara, Crystal, Caleb, Logan, Mariah, Jamie, Tiffany, Heather, Amber, Chad, and Miranda; and four great-grandchildren, Ethan, Alex, Rylee and Brandon

In addition to her husband, Ora was preceded in death by two sisters, Annabelle Tipler and Helen Hermerding.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Memorial services will follow Sunday at 4 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

Burial will be in Dickinson County Memorial Gardens.

Condolences to the family of Ora Martin can be expressed on-line at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We are sorry to hear of Ora's passing...We met her only once, but have always remembered our first meeting when she took our hands and welcomed us as part of the family,in 1998.  
Our thought and prayers to her family and friends.  
God Bless her.  
Sincerely  
Robert and Karon Heagle

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**Robert and Karon Heagle** - March 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ What a wonderful woman your mother was, I know there are many more people than just myself who hold her in their hearts and prayers. We are all fortunate to have a special memory of her. Mine is tomato soup french dressing!

*Please remember that my heart and prayers are with you, and Mom will always have a place in my heart and prayers.*

*Jeff*

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**Jeff Lyman** - March 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM