

Glenwood and Doris Martin Family



Glenwood Fern Martin about age 9 in 1927.

Glenwood Fern Martin was the youngest child of Herman and Mary Martin. He was born in Dalton, Nebraska on October 29, 1918, the same date but twenty-two years later, than Jesse McKinley “Kink,” the eldest of the Martin boys. Glenwood graduated from high school in Dalton in 1936. He soon went to California where his older brothers Kink and Chet were living. His primary purpose was to attend college, and he graduated from Long Beach Junior College in 1938. He later returned to the Dalton area and, after he had entered the Army, he met Doris M. Brandt, who was working in nearby Sidney. Doris was born September 18, 1922 in Fort Morgan, Colorado where her parents farmed and ranched.

Glenwood was the only one of Herman and Mary Martin’s children who served in the military, and was 26 years old when he entered the Army during World War II. He served from July 1942 until November 1945, with primary duties as a clerk typist in the medical corps, and achieved the rank of Technical Sergeant. He was stationed overseas in the European theater for nearly 18 months. While Glenwood was in training in Alabama, he and Doris were married at Montgomery on November 7, 1943. Doris continued to work in Sidney, and Glenwood adopted her daughter Reneé while he was in Europe. Glenwood and Doris also had a son, Glenwood, Jr. Glenwood was a devoted and loving husband and father.



Glenwood F. Martin served in the U.S. Army July 1942 - Nov 1945.

Following military service, Glenwood and Doris moved to the Brandt ranch near Fort Morgan Colorado where Glenwood worked as a farmer and rancher for many years with the Brandts. Glenwood also worked for the Union Pacific railroad, where he had a successful career as an inspector. After retiring from the railroad, he and Doris again managed the ranch before moving to Sidney, the town which had brought them together and which they loved. Glenwood enjoyed working on his home, and they did some traveling. Glenwood battled cancer for a number of years and died, at the age of 76, in Sidney on July 8, 1995. Doris died on July 16, 1998. Their daughter Reneé has a son and daughter by a previous marriage. She now lives in Pennsylvania with her husband Phil Blankenstein. Glenwood, Jr. lives in Sidney.



Glenwood and Doris Martin, 1960s.