

Donald Rae McGowan, age 72, of Alta, Iowa died Saturday, February 25, 2005 at his home in Alta, Iowa.

Donald Rae McGowan was born February 28, 1933 in rural Alta, Iowa to Urany and Elizabeth (Gerjets) McGowan. He spent his childhood and attended school in Alta, Iowa.

On November 28, 1953, Don was united in marriage to Mary Lou Mernin, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early, Iowa. They were blessed with four daughters; Linda, Sandra, Nancy, and Teresa. Don worked as a car salesman and meat cutter, and was an employee of Hy-grade for 30 years. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake, Iowa. Don served our country in the Army from 1953 until 1955 with service in the Korean War.

Don was a member of the VFW post 6172 of Alta. He also kept busy with his membership to the Alta Golf and Country Club. Don was car enthusiast, and loved working on his lawn as well as his golf game. He was a loving father and husband who most cherished spending time with his family. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughters: Linda Diercks and Husband Mike of Storm Lake; Sandra Nelson and husband Charlie of Alta; Nancy Kramer and husband Kole of Spencer, Iowa; Teresa Peterson and husband Tim of Rembrandt, Iowa; brothers: Merlin and wife Delores of Alta; and Garlan and wife Helen of Alta; sister Karen Gaskill and husband Russ of Alta; grandchildren Shawn Nelson and wife Sabrina; Tina Zimney and husband Corey of Sioux City, Iowa; Heidi Small and husband John of Norfolk, Nebraska; Jason Braunschweig and wife Jenn of Lawton, Iowa; Allen Diercks and wife Amy of Marion, Iowa; Andy Diercks and wife Makala of Marion, Iowa; Nichole Campbell and husband Cory of Castle Rock, Colorado; Kara Kramer of Fort Dodge, Iowa; Jennifer Peterson of Storm Lake; Bradly James Peterson of Ankeny, Iowa; great-grandchildren Troy Small, Taylor Small, Ashley Nelson, Courtney Nelson, Gunner Nelson, Tyson Braunschweig, Alena Diercks, Brady Diercks, Alex Diercks, Mckena Diercks, Cole Campbell, Tyler Johnson, and Ella Zimney; a very special friend; Marilyn Bryant; and many other relatives and a host of friends.

Don was preceded in death by his wife Mary; parents: Elizabeth and Urany McGowan; brothers: Delmer, Bob, and Denny; sister Deloris Lutrell; and great-granddaughter Lexi Johnson.



Remembering A Special Life

Donald Rae McGowan
"Don"

1933—2006

*God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
Then God combined these qualities,
There was nothing more to add,
His masterpiece was now complete,
He lovingly called it...*

Dad.

We wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited for lunch and a time of fellowship at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Storm Lake immediately following the committal service.

The McGowan Family

IN MEMORY OF

Donald Rae McGowan
"Don"

February 28, 1933 — February 25, 2006

MEMORIAL MASS
Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.
St. Mary's Church
Storm Lake, Iowa

CLERGY
Reverend Bruce Lawler

ORGANIST
Dolores Cullen

MUSIC
St. Mary's Caritas Choir

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS
*Heidi Small, Jason Braunschweig,
Shawn Nelson, Tina Zimney, Allen Diercks, Andy Diercks,
Nichole Campbell, Kara Kramer, Jennifer Peterson, B.J. Peterson,
Karen Gaskill, Garlan McGowan, Merlin McGowan,
Tom Combes, Dick Clay, LeRoy Larson*

INURNMENT
Full Military Rites by Alta V.F.W. Post 6172
St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
Storm Lake, Iowa

Arrangements by
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