 William "Bill" McMullen, age 79, of Webb, Iowa, died Monday, September 4, 2006 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake, Iowa.

William Neal McMullen was born February 23, 1927 in Royal, Iowa to Edward Neal and Buena Pearl (Richardson) McMullen. He was baptized as an infant into the Christian faith in Royal. Bill attended grade school in Greenville and Webb, Iowa before graduating from Providence Consolidated High School in Sulphur Springs, Iowa. Following high school, Bill served in the United States Army during World War II.

On October 21, 1949, Bill was united in marriage to Carol Bryant at Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Storm Lake. They were blessed with three children: Kathryn, Thomas and Michael. Bill spent his life working the land and living on the farm. He was a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Webb, where he taught Sunday School and served as a Sunday School Superintendent. He was a member of the American Legion, as well as a member and longtime secretary of Perfection Lodge 651 in Webb.

Bill's first priority, however, was always his family, whom he loved, and he treasured any time spent with them. In his later years, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren held a special place in his heart. Bill will be remembered as a devoted husband and father, a beloved grandfather and great-grandfather, a caring brother and uncle, and a valued friend to all.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 56 years, Carol McMullen of Webb; daughter Kathryn (Ian) Hermann of Columbia, Missouri; son Thomas McMullen of Spencer, Iowa; son Michael McMullen of Webb; grandchildren: Rachel Hermann and Sharon (Brad) Stevenson, of Columbia, Missouri; Almeda Marie (Patrick) McDonald of Herndon, Virginia; Erin McMullen of Des Moines, Iowa; and Christopher McMullen of Greenville, Iowa; great-grandchildren Ethan and Aria; sister Mary Lou (John) Miller of Clive, Iowa; brothers and sisters-in-law; Dick and Sharon Bryant of Harcourt, Iowa; Jean Webb of Lincoln, Nebraska; and Roberta and Bob Raab of Shoreview, Minnesota; a niece and many nephews, extended family and a host of friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents.



In Loving Memory

*"Good night, Sweet Prince,
And flights of angels
sing thee to thy rest."*

—Wm. Shakespeare (Hamlet)



William McMullen

"Bill"

1927 — 2006



Bill's Favorite Thoughts...

In a world so complicated, so rushed and sophisticated—
Grant me a quiet place to stand.
Let me gather up my tattered faith,
And hold it tightly in my hand.
Let me sort the bittersweet memories
I packed away with care—
And free, once and for all, traces of pain still there.
Let me lift my face to the sun,
Let me breath the soft, spring air.
Let me renew the joy of simple things I once had—
And lost somewhere.
And with your hand on my shoulder—
Oh, then, let me begin again.


— Dorothy Perkins

The three grand essentials of happiness are:
Something to do, someone to love,
And something to hope for.

— Author unknown

Be humble. Be just. Be meek. Be true. Be patient.
Be grateful. Be merciful. Be diligent. Be loving.
Be thrifty. Be generous. Be temperate.
Be all of those things and you know
what you'll really be? Better.

— William Penn

e 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 church immediately following the memorial service.



Bill's Family

IN MEMORY OF

William "Bill" McMullen

February 23, 1927 — September 4, 2006



MEMORIAL SERVICE

*Thursday, September 7, 2006 at 10:30 a.m.
Trinity United Methodist Church
Webb, Iowa*

CLERGY

Reverend Moody Colorado

ORGANIST

Lois Johnson

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

*"O God, Our Help In Ages Past" (314)
"In The Garden" (117)*

HONORARY CASKETBEARERS

*Don Richardson, Le Roy Richardson, John Fleming
Jack McMullen, Jim McMullen, Jerry McMullen
The Members of Perfection Lodge 651*

INTERMENT

*Thursday, September 7, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.
Storm Lake Cemetery
Storm Lake, Iowa*



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