

John J. McGown, age 96, of Storm Lake, Iowa, died December 10, 2007 at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

John Joseph McGowan was born September 9, 1911 at Joliet, Illinois, the son of Luke and Catherine (Prendergast) McGowan. He was baptized and confirmed at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda. He attended country school in rural Newell before graduating from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Fonda in 1929. Following his high school graduation, John began farming in the Newell area until he moved to Storm Lake in 1974. He then began working as a maintenance man at Buena Vista College in Storm Lake.

On September 22, 1973, John was united in marriage to Dorothy Delmore at Marian Home in Fort Dodge, Iowa. They were happily married until Dorothy's death in 2005. John was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake since 1974, as well as a member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed playing cards with friends. A devoted son and brother, John was a good neighbor and friend to all who knew him. He will be remembered as a kind and helpful person, one who always took time to listen.

Left to cherish his memory are his sister, Helen Riley of Emmetsburg, Iowa, and many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Luke and Catherine McGowan; two brothers, Vincent and Leo; and an infant sister, Cathleen.



**May God Bless the Memory of John McGowan.**



*In Loving Memory*

**John Joseph McGowan**

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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me; Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

—Psalm 23



We would like to express our gratitude for your kindness, evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service.

You are invited to join us for lunch and a time of fellowship at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Storm Lake immediately following the service.



*John's Family*

# In Loving Memory

*John Joseph McGowan*

*September 9, 1911 — December 10, 2007*

## FUNERAL MASS

Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.  
St. Mary's Catholic Church  
Storm Lake, Iowa

## CLERGY

Reverend Bruce Lawler

## ORGANIST

Dolores Cullen

## SPECIAL MUSIC

St. Mary's Caritas Choir

## CASKETBEARERS

Keith Riley, Jack Riley, Ted Riley, Mike Riley  
Kelly Netsch, Daniel Riley, Brad Riley

## INTERMENT

Mt. Zion Cemetery  
Fonda, Iowa



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