

**M**arjorie McGowan, age 88, of Storm Lake, Iowa, died on March 28, 2008, at her residence in Storm Lake.

Marjorie Opal Ashbrook was born June 28, 1919, in Rockwell City, Iowa, the daughter of Charles and Mabel (Wisthoff) Ashbrook. She was baptized as an infant and confirmed her faith as a youth. Marjorie received her education at Jolley, Iowa, graduating from Jolley High School in 1936.

On February 17, 1941, Marjorie was united in marriage to Vincent A. McGowan at St. Mary's Catholic Church, in Pomeroy, Iowa. The couple was blessed with eleven children: Patricia, Robert, Karen, Sharon, Ronald, Richard, William, Janice, Michael, Larry, and Judy. The couple lived in Marathon, Iowa, until they moved to Storm Lake in 1982.

Marjorie was a loving and devoted wife and mother who treasured her family and loved keeping a warm comfortable home for them. She loved flowers and enjoyed tending her garden of flowers as well as the vegetables she grew to preserve for winter meals for her family. She took great enjoyment from meeting and greeting her neighbors at their various coffee times. Marjorie was an avid reader of all types of books and loved a good game of cards. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake, Catholic Daughters of America, and St. Mary's Guild.

Marjorie will be remembered as a kind and caring person. She will be deeply missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish her memory are her children: Patricia of Storm Lake; Robert (Fran) McGowan of Brooklyn Center, Minnesota; Karen (Monte) Leiting of Carroll, Iowa; Sharon (Howard) Weitzl of Audubon, Iowa; Ronald McGowan of Lakewood, Colorado, Richard McGowan of Des Moines, Iowa; William McGowan and special friend, Barb DeWitte of Lakewood, Colorado; Jan (Richard) Nelson of Manson, Iowa; Michael (Janet) McGowan of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Larry (Wendy) McGowan of Lakewood, Colorado; and Judy (Kelly) Netsch of Storm Lake; 14 grandsons: Tony (Melissa) McGowan, Dan McGowan, Bob Lenz, John (Angie) Weitzl, Mike Weitzl, Dan (Tina) Drysol, Chad Allen, Christopher Nelson, Colten Nelson, Sean McGowan, Luke McGowan, Patrick McGowan, Nick Netsch, and Tyler Netsch; 8 granddaughters: Sherri (Bob) Harms, Angie (Lorne) Hupp, Kelly (Craig) Miller, Kayleen (Sam) Bertman, Amanda Roed, Stephanie Allen, Courtney Nelson, and Jessica (Doug) O'Bannon; 25 great-grandchildren; two brothers Raymond "Bud" (Suzanne) Ashbrook of Sun City, Arizona, and Bill (Shirley) Ashbrook of Omaha, Nebraska; one sister Jean (Dave) Van Fleet of Omaha, Nebraska; two sister-in-laws Dorothy Schmakede of Arthur, Iowa, and Gwen Ashbrook of Eager, Arizona; many nieces and nephews, extended family and a host of friends.

Marjorie is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Vincent; sister, Mary Pirie and her husband, Kenneth; brother Frank Ashbrook and his wife, Betty; brother Jim Ashbrook; brother, Charles Ashbrook Jr. and infant twins, Irma and Phillip Ashbrook.



# A Celebration of Life



*Mom's Motto: Live Simply, Love Generously, Care Deeply, Speak Kindly,  
and leave the rest to God.*

**Marjorie McGowan**

1919



2008

O most holy apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, people honor and invoke you universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, for I am so helpless and alone.

Please help to bring me visible and speedy assistance.

Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, that I may praise God with you always.

St. Jude, we have problems in our relationship.

Beg Almighty to give us the light to see ourselves and each other as we really are.

Help us to grow daily in self-knowledge and mutual love, while at the same time developing our potential to love and be loved.

Help us, St. Jude, to see and root out every manifestation of selfishness, vanity, and childish self-seeking—those hidden enemies of love and maturity.

Show us that by learning to love and being filled with love, we may complement and nurture each other as we share our lives together.

I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you by publishing this request.

Amen.



We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the 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 immediately following the service.

 *Marjorie's Family*

## IN MEMORY OF

*Marjorie McGowan*

June 28, 1919  March 28, 2008

### FUNERAL MASS

Monday, March 31, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church — Storm Lake, Iowa

### CONCELEBRANTS

Reverend Bruce Lawler

Reverend Paul Kelly

### LECTOR

Patrick McGowan and Sherri Harms

### ORGANIST

Dolores Cullen

### MUSIC

St. Mary's Caritas Choir

### CASKETBEARERS

Tony McGowan, Dan McGowan, Bob Lenz, John Weitzl  
Mike Weitzl, Dan Drysol, Chad Allen, Christopher Nelson, Colten Nelson  
Sean McGowan, Luke McGowan, Nick Netsch, Tyler Netsch

### HONORARY BEARERS

Sherri Harms, Angie Hupp, Kelly Miller, Kayleen Bertman  
Amanda Roed, Stephanie Allen, Courtney Nelson, Jessica O'Bannon

### INTERMENT

Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery— Fonda, Iowa



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