



Garlan McGowan

November 19, 1941 - October 1, 2017

Garlan McGowan, age 75, of Alta, Iowa died Sunday, October 1, 2017 at his home in Alta.

Visitation will be held Thursday, October 5, 2017 from 4-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Unity Point Hospice. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Garlan Eldon McGowan was born November 19, 1941 in Alta, the son of Urany and Elizabeth (Gerjets) McGowan.

He attended school in Alta and was baptized at the Methodist Church.

On June 19, 1960, Garlan was united in marriage to Helen Marie Townsend in Cherokee, Iowa. Together they were blessed with three daughters: Tammy Jean, Debbie Ann, and Lauri Dee.

Garlan worked for the Buena Vista County Maintenance Department for 39 years. He retired on December 31, 1999.

In his spare time, Garlan enjoyed fishing and hunting with kids. He could often be found tinkering, especially on vehicles. Garlan loved his family, and was

always there to lend a helping hand. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Helen McGowan of Alta, Iowa; daughters: Tammy (Doug) Stephens of Alta, Iowa; Debbie (Darry) Hartsock of Papillion, Nebraska; Lauri (friend, Mark Miller) Fulkerth of Marathon, Iowa; grandchildren: Chris Briggs, Josh (Misty) Briggs, Nick Briggs, Sarah Stephens, Ryan and Tazzi Hartsock, Jeremy (Shawna) Fulkerth, Jessie Fulkerth, Tyler (Micah) Fulkerth; great grandchildren: Chelsea, Dayton, Craig, Tristin, Lexi, Bailey, Bella, Aiden, Aria, Brandi, Brayden, Emily, Hadley, Bentley, Jaxson, Delaney, Kaden; brother, Merlin McGowan of Alta, Iowa; brothers-in-law, Lowell Townsend and John Townsend.

Garlan was preceded in death by his parents; sisters: Delores Luttrell and Karen Gaskill; brothers: Bob, Don, Delmar, and Dennis; and parents-in-law, Fred and Arlene Townsend.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Garlan McGowan*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 05, 2017 at 01:03 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Garlan McGowan.*



October 04, 2017 at 05:58 PM



“ *Heidi Howard lit a candle in memory of Garlan McGowan*



Heidi Howard - October 04, 2017 at 08:29 AM

CB

“ Our Sympathies, Helen, Tammy, Debbie and Laurie. May you feel God's arms wrapped around you and know that Mom and I are thinking of you at this difficult time. A memory: I remember Mom and Dad playing cards at your house. It got so late that us kids fell asleep under the winter coats. I also remember Butch and his very long legs, but his warm and strong hugs were the best! Did I mention how handsome he has always been even to the end... a hunk! Hope I made you smile.



Cathy Berge - October 03, 2017 at 05:18 PM

JC

“ Jeff And Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Garlan McGowan



Jeff and Jean Chindlund - October 02, 2017 at 09:51 PM

JC

so sorry for your loss, he was a nice man, always enjoyed visiting with him.

Jeff and Jean Chindlund - October 02, 2017 at 09:52 PM

EB

So sorry for your loss.

Evelyn borron - October 03, 2017 at 04:42 PM

IS

“ *Paul and Ina Rae Shannon, Sheridan and Family, and Troy and Family, So sorry for your loss.*



Ina Rae Shannon - October 02, 2017 at 04:02 PM