



Joe McLaughlin

June 12, 1954 - August 4, 2018

Joe McLaughlin, age 64, of Fonda, Iowa died on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at the Trinity Regional Medical Center in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda. Burial will be in the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Fonda. Visitation will take place prior to the service starting 9:00 a.m. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Joseph Charles McLaughlin, the son of Francis and Dorothy (Steinman) McLaughlin was born on June 12, 1954 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Joe was baptized and confirmed at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda, Iowa where he would remain a life-long member.

In his youth, Joe attended grade school and high school at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School where he graduated in 1972. He furthered his education at Wayne State College where he earned his teaching degree in 1976.

Joe taught high school history and coached baseball and softball at St. Bernards in Breda, Bayard Community Schools and Granville-Spalding. He then found employment at the Iowa Department of Corrections in Fort Dodge,

retiring in 2016.

In his free time, Joe enjoyed fishing, watching sports, reading and gardening. Joe was an avid St. Louis Cardinal and Iowa Hawkeye fan. He was also very involved in his niece's life and always looked forward to spending time with her. He was very much looking forward to she and Kyle's upcoming wedding. Joe was a very quiet, soft spoken man with a big heart. That became very evident when his mother's health began failing and he went above and beyond to care for her. Joe had a love for all animals, especially his loyal dog, Coco.

Those left to cherish his memory include his brother, John McLaughlin of Fonda; sister, Rose Mary (Steven) Lohff of Sac City; niece, Kelsey (fiancé Kyle Dahm) Lohff of Early; and many cousins, neighbors and friends. Joe will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved him.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Dorothy (Steinman) McLaughlin; infant sister, Charlotte; paternal grandparents, Joseph and Agnes McLaughlin; and maternal grandparents, Charles and Elizabeth Claus.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda
513 North Main Street
Fonda, IA 50540

Memorial Mass

AUG 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Fonda, IA 50540

Interment

AUG 11. 11:30 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery
Fonda, IA 50540

Tribute Wall

ML

“ So sorry and deepest sympathy to the family. I remember hauling Joe and my brother Don Miller around in high school to ball games, movies and etc. He was one great guy and always had a smile for you. He will have a great reunion with family in heaven.



Mary Margaret Lange - August 08, 2018 at 06:10 PM

JM

“ Joe "Slick" was a one of a kind guy! We were honored to call him friend. He was "Uncle Joe Slick" to our kids and we hear his laugh in the silence of missing him.
Sincere sympathy.
Jim and Rae Miller



Jim & Rae Miller - August 08, 2018 at 03:41 PM

AB

“ Joe was a wonderful man who will be dearly missed by everyone he met and knew throughout his life. My sincere condolences to the McLaughlin family and friends.
Amy Schachtner Brody

Amy Brody - August 07, 2018 at 07:30 PM

JC

“ Joe was a great coach and mentor to many of us at OLGC and FCS! He was an encyclopedia of knowledge for baseball and basketball. He loved his Cardinals and that Granville Spaulding coat! He often referred to us as “ladies” and made sure we were the best conditioned team out there. His quick wit brought many laughs and often increased our punishments. He WILL be missed!

James Calkins - August 07, 2018 at 10:44 AM

RS

“ Randy And Marilyn Schmitt lit a candle in memory of Joe McLaughlin



Randy and Marilyn Schmitt - August 07, 2018 at 09:03 AM

RS

“ My thoughts and prayers to Joe's family. I worked with joe for many years. He was such a wonderful kind and caring, helpful man. He would give the shirt off his back to help others. May god protect, love and bless Joe. Robert Sanchez

robert sanchez - August 06, 2018 at 07:26 PM

Mike
Glover

“ Our family sends the most sincere condolences to Joes family. He will be missed immensely. Prayers for strength.

Mike Glover - August 06, 2018 at 12:32 AM

RW

“ Joe was a cousin and good friend . WE attended Wayne State together and coached and taught together in Breda. Joe was my roommate and in my wedding. He was a great baseball man and history teacher. He loved the Cardinals. I stayed with him when I returned to the Fonda area at times. Joe will be missed by many. He was so kind to his mother and took care of her for many years. A good and kind man . RAY AND FAYE WALL LINCOLN NE

Ray wall - August 05, 2018 at 07:43 PM

PM

So very sorry to hear about Joe's passing. He was my husband, Tom McLaughlin's cousin. My condolences to his family and friends!

Patty McLaughlin - August 06, 2018 at 11:17 PM