



## Merlin Dale McGowan

September 25, 1927 - October 27, 2022

Merlin Dale McGowan, age 95, of Alta, Iowa passed away Thursday, October 27, 2022 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Private family services will take place. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Merlin Dale McGowan was born on September 25, 1927, in Alta, Iowa, son of Urany and Elizabeth (Gerjets) McGowan. He graduated from the Alta High School in May, 1945. On December 19, 1953, he married Delores Henriksen in Sioux City, Iowa. They were blessed with three children: Linda, Bruce, and Julie.

Merlin enlisted in the United States Army directly after graduation and was stationed in Japan. Upon returning he worked for the railroad and then went on to work at Hygrade where he worked until 1981. Merlin then went on to work at the Buena Vista Work Activity Center as their "can man". He enjoyed driving to area towns and chatting with the clients and the people on his route.

Merlin loved traveling and visited all 48 continental states. He loved playing cards, spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, watching sports (especially golf), walking and enjoying the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife Delores, his parents, two sisters and five brothers.

He leaves behind three children Linda (Tom) French of Alta, Bruce (Deanna) McGowan of Alta, and Julie (Paul) Movall of Rochester, MN; grandchildren Jerry (Shawn) French of Johns Creek, GA, Michelle (Todd) Mackey of Ankeny, IA, Jill (Brian) Jackson of Alta, Todd (Erica) McGowan of Clive, IA, Kristy (Scott) Brown of Alta, Kelsey (Colton) Ballantyne of Urbandale, IA, Michael (Samantha) Movall, Savage, MN, Brandon (Ashley) Movall, Plymouth, MN and Ryan (Sydney Barlow) Movall of Ballwin, MO; and many great-grandchildren Davis, Taylor, Austin, and Carter French of Johns Creek, GA, Mackenzie and Carson Mackey of Ankeny, IA, Brooke, Braden, and Brittany Jackson of Alta, Mason and Maxwell McGowan of Clive, IA, Kinley, Easton and Blakely Brown of Alta, plus many other friends and extended family.

# Cemetery Details

**Woodlawn**

Alta, IA

# Tribute Wall

PH

“ Pam Henderson lit a candle in memory of Merlin McGowan



Pam Henderson - November 02, 2022 at 11:08 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Merlin Dale McGowan.



October 31, 2022 at 10:51 AM

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“ Sincerest thoughts and prayers of sympathy to all of the family of Merlin McGowan. Sue and Tim Speers

SUE SPEERS - October 30, 2022 at 07:50 PM

JM

“ A grandfather's love is forever.



Julie Movall - October 29, 2022 at 12:22 PM

JD

“ *John Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Merlin McGowan* ”



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**John and Connie Demers** - October 29, 2022 at 08:12 AM

RM

“ *The best grandpa anyone could ask for* ”



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**Ryan Movall** - October 28, 2022 at 05:52 PM