



William E. Bradford

April 2, 1923 - April 24, 2017

William E. Bradford, age 94, of Fonda, Iowa died Monday, April 24, 2017 at Loring Hospital in Sac City, Iowa.

Funeral Mass will be held Friday, April 28, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda. Burial will follow in the Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery in Fonda with full military rites. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the church. The Mahaney Funeral Home in Fonda is in charge of the arrangements.

William Edward Bradford was born April 2, 1923 in Sac County, Iowa, the son of Bernard F. and Anna E. (McGowan) Bradford.

As an infant, he was baptized and later confirmed in the Catholic Church.

Bill attended school at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School where he graduated in 1940.

On June 9, 1944, Bill joined the United States Marines. He served his country during World War II as an anti-tank gun crewman in the Pacific. Bill participated in action against the enemy at Okinawa. He was honorably discharged on July 18, 1946.

Upon returning home, Bill began his farming devotion. Together with his brother, Bob, they farmed for many years south of Fonda. Bill also homesteaded land in Washington state that he farmed for many years.

Bill was a devoted Catholic as a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda. He also served as a Knight of Columbus.

Bill was a member of the American Legion for over 75 years. In his free time, he enjoyed riding horses and spending time outdoors.

Those left to cherish his memory include his brother, Bob Bradford of Fonda, Iowa; nieces and nephews: Terry Orchard of Poncha Springs, Colorado; Nancy Bertolino of Papillion, Nebraska; Judy Orchard of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mary Ellen Barela of Omaha, Nebraska; Valerie Orchard of Omaha, Nebraska; extended family and many friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Mary Ann Orchard.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery

Fonda, IA 50540

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

APR 28. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PK

“ *Paul Kelly lit a candle in memory of William E. Bradford*



Paul Kelly - April 29, 2017 at 09:45 AM

NB

“ *I have known Bill most all of my life, a great neighbor and always friendly . RIP Mr. Bill..*

Nick Baskerville

Nick Baskerville - April 27, 2017 at 09:08 PM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Funeral Home - April 27, 2017 at 02:42 PM

DJ

“ A great man. For many years he would enjoy a Newell-Fonda Softball Game, grab a bite to eat and when I would run into him at the store he always had a kind word to say. A wonderful fan of the Mustangs and he will be missed. Rest in Peace:)

Dick Jungers

Dick Jungers - April 27, 2017 at 07:39 AM

KK

“ So sorry to hear about Bill! I always enjoyed visiting with him in Fonda and when he visited my parents. Requiescat in pace, Mr. Bradford!

Karen Kelly - April 26, 2017 at 01:32 PM

JC

Larry and I extend our sympathy and prayers. Bill was a special man.

Jeanne Calkins - April 27, 2017 at 03:11 AM

JL

Always enjoyed visits with Bill and talking about the McGowan ancestors. Enjoyed two visits with him in WA and he gave us a wonderful tour of the area including a winery. Jeanie(McGowan) and Art Lamoureux. Our sympathy to the family.

Jeanie Lamoureux - April 27, 2017 at 07:24 PM