



Charles John McMullen

November 25, 1929 - January 6, 2020

Charles J. McMullen, age 90, of Richland Center died Monday, January 6, 2020, at Department of Veterans Affairs in Tomah. He was born in Chicago, IL, the son of Charles & Emma (Flood) McMullen on November 25, 1929. His brother Bernard was born 3 years later. He attended Holmes School and Calumet High School in Chicago. In April 1950 Bette Zeglen bumped into him at the A & P and the earth stood still for a moment. Life was changed forever. They were married on November 10, 1951 for 68 years.

Charles was drafted into the army in June 1951. His brother was killed in a motor scooter accident and Charles was deferred until September 1951. He was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for training in the artillery, where Charles and Bette were married on a 3 day pass. In January 1952 he was flown to Japan, on arriving he was put into the infantry. The army asked for volunteers and his hand went up and he was put into the 101st Signal Corp. He was in Korea for 18 months. Charles came home on his dad's birthday on August 20, 1953 a very happy day.

In 1954 he became a Chicago fireman for 15 years on Truck 15, Squad 8, Fireboats where he dove into the Chicago River and Lake Michigan helping those that drowned or boating accidents. He was also on the Snorkel Squad. After the fire department he worked construction. He was also a member of the Carpenters Union and Millwright Union for many years.

The good Lord gave Charlie three wonderful children Maureen, Kathy, and Charly who he loved with his whole heart and now there are 10 grandchildren,

12 great grandchildren and a great great on the way.

In 1969 the family moved to the Five Points area and bought a beautiful farm and they became dairy farmers for 25 years. It was quite a learning experience. After retiring Charles & Bette moved to Richland Center and he had the time of his life. He belonged to the American Legion, VFW, Disabled Vets, Forty & Eight, and also he became a Mason & Shriner. The men in the organizations always treated him with respect, helping him when he had problems. He was an extraordinary man that didn't do great things but so many small things that mattered. Charles McMullen's life was never boring, he did it his way.

Survivors include his wife Bette McMullen of Richland Center; 3 children Maureen (Norm) Davis of Viroqua, Kathy Maly of Soldiers Grove, Charly (Latisha) McMullen of Tomah; 10 grandchildren Jessica (Jim) Bellomo, Beth Reinert, Amber (Scott) Berhorst, Emily Davis, Dawn (Jim) Berghorn, Sean (Shawna) Maly, Michael (Elizabeth) McMullen, Matthew McMullen, Taylor (Naomi) McMullen, Brooke McMullen; 12 great grandchildren and a great great on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, and all his many relatives and friends.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020, at 10:00 AM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center where the local Military Honors Unit will provide military honors at the funeral home. Visitation will be held on Friday, January 10, 2020, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home where a Masonic Service will be held at 7:30 PM. Visitation will also be held on Saturday at the funeral home from 9:00 AM until the time of services at 10:00 AM. Burial at St. Phillips Catholic Church in Rolling Ground will be held at a later date.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Clary Memorial Funeral & Cremation Service, LLC
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Masonic Service

JAN 10. 7:30 PM (CT)

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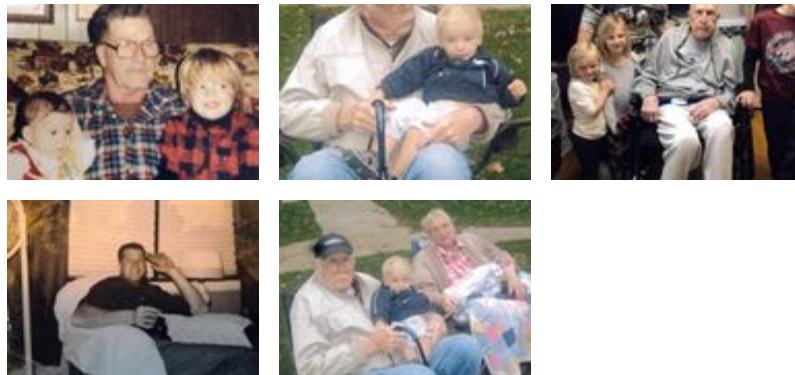
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Tribute Wall



“ 168 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clary Memorial Funeral Home - January 09, 2020 at 02:38 PM

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“ We always enjoyed "Charlies" sense of humor along with the stories when when we met up at the VFW, 40 et 8 and American Legion meetings. His stories were often reflections while he served with the Chicago Fire Department. I was able to visit Charlie on December 16th, 2019 when we took our items to the Tomah VA after the VFW Post 2267 Veterans fundraiser. I cherish this memory. Marge Freeman, Bower-Gunnill-Dalton VFW post 2267 Richland Center, WI



margie freeman - January 09, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ Bette, Kathy, Maureen, Charly, and families, We're so sorry for your loss. Chuck was a wonderful neighbor who will be deeply missed. Cherish the memories. I had a lot of good memories while staying at your house while growing up. Prayers and ((Hugs)).

Linda Sherry - January 08, 2020 at 07:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles John McMullen.*



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“ *Such a special man, dad and grandpa! It was an honor to know him! A true gentleman. Love to all the family!!*

Jane & Tim Gaskell - January 07, 2020 at 09:31 PM



“ *The Bartels & Schmidt families extends our deepest condolences to the McMullen family. May you treasure the dear special memories Charlie leaves behind.*

Bridget Bartels-Schmidt - January 07, 2020 at 09:02 PM



“ *I will truly miss chatting with you at the DAV meetings. I was blessed to have met you. Prayers go to your family.*

Gary A. Peters

Gary Peters - January 07, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Charles John McMullen.*



January 07, 2020 at 04:36 PM



“ **THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR YOUR FAMILY! CHERISH THE MEMORIES!**
JOHN & CONNIE TURGASEN

CONNIE TURGASEN - January 07, 2020 at 03:56 PM



Thoughts and prayers for your family! Cherish the memories of your father. Roger & Anna Walter

Anna Walter - January 10, 2020 at 05:28 PM



Bette, Kathy, Maureen, Charly and families. We are so sorry for your loss. Charlie was a great guy, kind, gentle. He loved talking to me about his younger years, how he found his wonderful wife Bette. Loved talking about his kids and grandkids. He loved you all so much. Marilyn & Gilly

Marilyn Gilligan - January 10, 2020 at 08:36 PM