



Donald Lee McGowan

June 20, 1943 - May 14, 2021

Donald Lee McGowan, of Muscoda, was born on June 20, 1943. He passed away on Friday, May 14, 2021 from advanced colon cancer.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Sheri; sons, Don & Dave McGowan; 5 grandchildren, Alia (husband Andy) Straub, Elena, Jim, Katy & Emma McGowan; 2 great-grandchildren, Evalie & Jasfer Straub; his sister, Kay Kaufman and brother, Terry Rhodes; & many other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gladys and Leslie McGowan; brother-in-laws, Marv Kaufman & Mike Lockner and his daughter-in-law, Paula McGowan.

Donald McGowan grew up in Morrison, Illinois. He served 4 years in the U.S. Navy, sailing halfway around the world. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1964. He met and married his wife, Sheri Lockner in June, 1965. His oldest son, Donald Leslie McGowan was born in 1966 in Iowa City, Iowa where he worked as a printer. His youngest son, David, was born in 1968 in Sterling, Illinois, where he was working as a clerk for The Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. During these years, he also started farming. While farming, he began to study the Bible and was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses as part of the Savannah, Illinois, congregation. Later, the family moved to Fennimore, Wisconsin to farm and became part of the local Lancaster congregation. As the boys grew up and left home, he sold feed, worked at Kwik Trip and the former Big A Auto store in Boscobel. He then worked with his oldest son on a small farm in Richland County until retiring.

One of his greatest honors was to serve as a Ministerial Servant with his 2 sons, who were serving as Elders in the local congregation at the time. Later, he and his youngest son enjoyed going to the Ministerial Training school for Elders together. He thought he was too old and had no skills, but he was very happy to have the privilege of working with the local Regional Building Committee to help build new Kingdom Halls. He helped sign in the volunteers working on the projects.

He was known for being loyal, honest and hardworking along with loving his family and friends. He often expressed his appreciation for the excellent care that he received at the Madison VA. He really appreciated all the loving thoughts, prayers, visits and gifts that he received during his final weeks. Jehovah provided everything that was needed.

The funeral discourse for Donald Lee McGowan will be held on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. via zoom. For any who would like to attend, the zoom id is 838 0624 9329 and the password is McGowan. Pictures and music will be available at that zoom address beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sheri and family sending prayers and hugs to you at this difficult time.*

Carolyn Howell

Carolyn Howell - May 21, 2021 at 10:06 PM

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“ *Sheri, Don and David. I know that it has been at least 20 years since we first became acquainted. I always enjoyed visiting with Don and had a tremendous respect for your entire family. I know that Don is at peace with his creator. I wish you all peace as well. Take care.*

Kevin Hauser - May 17, 2021 at 08:03 PM

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Sheri..I am so sorry for your loss..sending prayers and hugs your way...

Yvonne Riley - May 21, 2021 at 04:14 PM

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We look forward to the paradise

mark mcc. - May 22, 2021 at 03:57 PM