



Murl McGrane

June 12, 1921 - August 16, 2015

The Mass of Christian Burial for Murl Henry McGrane of Wadena, and formerly of Bluffton, will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, August 21, 2015 at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bluffton with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. Friends may call at the church on Thursday from 5:00 until 8:00 PM with Parish Prayers at 6:00 PM and the Knights of Columbus Rosary service at 7:00 PM. The visitation will continue at the church on Friday from 9:30 AM until the time of mass. Murl passed away at the age of 94 years in the early morning hours of Sunday, August 16, 2015 at the Tri-County Hospital under the gentle care of hospital staff and Legacy Home Health Care of Wadena.

Murl was born on June 12, 1921 at Sidney, NE to John and Viola (Goedert) McGrane. He attended country schools. On June 21, 1949, he was united in marriage with Kathleen Mary Goeller at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bluffton. Together they made their home on the farm in Bluffton Township. After 30 years, he retired and they moved to their house on Highway 10 West in Bluffton and lived there for 34 years until health issues caused them to sell their home and move to Fair Oaks in Wadena in 2013.

Murl was a farmer, and also worked at the Bluffton Creamery and as a carpenter. In retirement, he enjoyed volunteering at Itasca State Park and working on wood projects like the bird houses he built and donated to local organizations. He was a Red Cross blood donor and was proud to have

achieved the milestone of donating 17 gallons. He was also an active member of the Knights of Columbus, St. John's Society, Catholic Aid (Catholic United Financial), and Civilian Conservation Corp. He enjoyed ice fishing and spearing. Above all, he enjoyed life, being with his family, and making people happy.

Murl was preceded in death by his parents John and Viola; sons Timothy, Terry and Brian; brother Leonard; and sisters Irene Skarka and Vera Hecker.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Kathleen; daughter Victoria (Jim) Klinnert of St. Cloud, MN; sons Cary (Renita) of Bluffton and Pat (Sally) of Osseo, MN; 9 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; brother Jack (Ruth) of Burnsville; and sister-in-law Rita Goeller of Bluffton.

Pallbearers are Jamie Klinnert, Timothy Klinnert, David Klinnert, Brian McGrane, Meagan Conkins, Samantha Graf, Mary Harshman, Danielle McGrane and Michael McGrane.

Interment will be in St. John the Baptist Parish Cemetery in Bluffton.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery

310 Main St.
Bluffton, MN 56518

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 20. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
310 Main St.
Bluffton, MN 56518

Visitation

AUG 21. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
310 Main St.
Bluffton, MN 56518

Service

AUG 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
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Tribute Wall

VI

“ *Victoria lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane*



Victoria - September 16, 2015 at 12:22 AM

VI

A month has passed now since you left, holding you always in my heart Dad!

Victoria - September 16, 2015 at 12:24 AM

VK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Victoria Klinnert - September 15, 2015 at 09:32 PM

VK

I love you forever Dad, thanks for loving and supporting me in wherever life took me. I am so blessed to have called you my dad.

Victoria Klinnert - September 16, 2015 at 05:03 PM

AD

“ I sure will miss his wonderful hugs!



audrey davis - August 23, 2015 at 06:30 PM

DF

“ Dave & Sharon Folkestad lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane



Dave & Sharon Folkestad - August 22, 2015 at 09:50 AM

MW

“ Mark And Jodi Wegscheid lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane



Mark and Jodi Wegscheid - August 21, 2015 at 10:03 PM

SR

“ Most of all, I remember Murl's smile and the twinkle in his eyes.



Sandy Roggenkamp - August 21, 2015 at 07:30 AM

EF

“ *Esther & Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane*



Esther & Alan Freitag - August 20, 2015 at 11:23 AM

LL

“ *Linda Loween lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane*



Linda Loween - August 20, 2015 at 10:56 AM

AN

“ *Arlene, Kim, Kristin, & Nikki purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Murl McGrane.*



Arlene, Kim, Kristin, & Nikki - August 20, 2015 at 09:43 AM

JK

“ Seems like yesterday we were packing up to go ice fishing Gramps! Sack lunch packed by Grandma that included a can of Squirt soda and a hard salami and cheese sandwich. You were always thinking of fun ideas to entertain your grandson... "how about we roast our sandwiches on the fish house stove?" So it became tradition... see you down the road buddy! Thank you for your laughter and good times... nobody could be sad around you so why now? Let us know what heaven is like... your seat is saved right up front. I love you Pops. - your Grandson Jamie



Jamie Klinnert - August 19, 2015 at 08:13 PM

LH

“ Larry&kathy Heltemes&family lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane



larry&kathy heltemes&family - August 19, 2015 at 08:10 PM

BW

“ Becky, Katy & Brandon Wegscheid lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane



Becky, Katy & Brandon Wegscheid - August 19, 2015 at 05:40 AM

MH

“ Marge Harrison lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane



Marge Harrison - August 18, 2015 at 10:48 PM

MH

*Murl, Kathy, Roger and I had many years of bowling together. We always had a great time and a good lunch and visiting after bowling. We were also neighbors on the farm. Now Murl went to join Roger in God's home.
Murl was also our feed delivery man. The boys always ran out to visit with him while the feed unloaded. Murl gave them a stick of gum. Hence his was nickname the "gum man"
A great and fun guy.
May he rest in Peace.
God be with you, Kathy and family, as you all start a new chapter in your lives.
Marge Mohs-Harrison and Harry Harrison*

Marge Harrison - August 18, 2015 at 10:59 PM

ER

“ Our sympathy to Kathleen and the family. Murl will always be remembered as a great neighbor and friend. What a great sense of humor too! Eric and Kim Roggenkamp

Eric Roggenkamp - August 18, 2015 at 04:53 PM

RJ

“ I really didn't know Murl until he was a resident at Fair Oaks. He impressed me because he was always smiling and so positive and seemed to be so happy. My sympathy to you Kathy and to the rest of the family. I know how much you will miss him. May God grant him eternal rest!

Rose Johnson - August 18, 2015 at 12:56 PM

TB

“ Tom & Joan Brauch sent a virtual gift in memory of Murl McGrane



Tom & Joan Brauch - August 17, 2015 at 07:44 PM

LT

“ Leo And Doris Tabery lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane



Leo and Doris Tabery - August 17, 2015 at 07:42 PM

JR

“ Jack & Judy Richter lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane



Jack & Judy Richter - August 17, 2015 at 07:41 PM

DC

“ Dear Kathleen and family, We send our deepest condolences, love and prayers as you grieve the death of your husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, cousin, and friend. I will always remember Murl's lively smile and welcoming words whenever we gathered at family events. He made everyone feel happy, as he was. May your fond memories of togetherness, your belief in the Resurrection, and God's love help you feel peace as you grieve. Prayers and love, Darlene & Bob Cuddigan

Darlene Cuddigan - August 17, 2015 at 02:28 PM

LE

“ Lorraine Endres lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane



Lorraine Endres - August 17, 2015 at 01:58 PM

SH

“ Sharon Heinen lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane



Sharon Heinen - August 17, 2015 at 01:50 PM

AK

“ *Amy Kleinke lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane*



Amy Kleinke - August 17, 2015 at 12:28 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Donna Haman lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane*



Bob & Donna Haman - August 17, 2015 at 10:00 AM

CO

“ *City Of Osseo lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane*



City of Osseo - August 17, 2015 at 09:47 AM

JB

“ *Jack & Lucille Belch lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane*



Jack & Lucille Belch - August 17, 2015 at 09:22 AM

AS

“ *Your family is in our thoughts & prayers.*



Allen & Donna Schmitz - August 17, 2015 at 09:18 AM

RT

“ *Rich & Marilyn Trout lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane*



Rich & Marilyn Trout - August 17, 2015 at 09:15 AM

RI

We Will miss Murl He was one of the nicest gentleman we ever knew. Our sympathy goes to you Kathy, and your family. He is in the arms of Jesus now.

Rich - August 17, 2015 at 09:20 AM

DP

“ *Dale And Arlene Porter lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane*



Dale and Arlene Porter - August 17, 2015 at 08:53 AM

VL

“ *So sorry to hear about Murl. Always enjoyed visiting with him and seeing his wonderful smile. He will be missed!*

Vicki Lubitz - August 17, 2015 at 08:27 AM

KH

“ Karen And LeRoy Haman lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane



Karen and LeRoy Haman - August 17, 2015 at 07:57 AM

KW

“ Kevin & Cindy Wallgren lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane



Kevin & Cindy Wallgren - August 17, 2015 at 07:51 AM

DF

“ Dave & Sharon Folkestad lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane



Dave & Sharon Folkestad - August 16, 2015 at 10:06 PM

RH

“ Ralph and MaryAnn Haman



Ralph and MaryAnn Haman - August 16, 2015 at 09:50 PM

DS

“ Dan And Deb Sweere lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane



Dan and Deb Sweere - August 16, 2015 at 09:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Murl McGrane.



August 16, 2015 at 08:51 PM

MW

“ Myron & Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane



Myron & Karen Winkelman - August 16, 2015 at 07:18 PM

DH

“ Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane



Darrell & Peggy Haman - August 16, 2015 at 06:21 PM

ST

“ Sue Theisen lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane



Sue Theisen - August 16, 2015 at 06:03 PM

ME

“ Margaret & Peter Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane



Margaret & Peter Van Erp - August 16, 2015 at 05:56 PM

BS

“ Brad And Julie Swenson lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane



Brad and Julie Swenson - August 16, 2015 at 05:43 PM

SW

“ Steve And Ellen Wallgren lit a candle in memory of Murl McGrane



Steve and Ellen Wallgren - August 16, 2015 at 05:29 PM



With our deepest sympathy. May Murl rest in peace with Jesus.

Steve and Ellen Wallgren - August 16, 2015 at 05:31 PM