



John C. McDonald

August 18, 1923 - July 31, 2013

John C. McDonald, age 89 of Albia, passed from this world Wednesday, July 31, 2013, under the care of Monroe County Hospice at Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

John was born August 18, 1923 to Frank and Verla (Mahin) McDonald in Lovilia. He married Mary Hayworth on November 29, 1943 in San Antonio, TX.

John grew up and attended school in Melrose. He was a member of the "Greatest Generation" and served his country bravely during World War II. He attained the rank of sergeant in the 503rd Military Police Battalion; Company B of General Patton's Third Army and toured throughout Europe. After returning home, he worked for the United States Postal Service as a rural letter carrier. He also farmed and was a meat cutter.

He was a long time member of the American Legion, Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Catholic Church, and was a past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus.

John is survived by his wife of 70 years, Mary of Albia; five children, Shirley (Jim) Jackovich of Des Moines, Judy McDonald of Elgin, IL, Joseph (Kathryn) McDonald of Cottage Grove, WI, Kathleen (Martin) Hull of Blakesburg, and

Mike McDonald of Albia; five grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Walter (Christine) McDonald of Nevada, IA.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Edward, James, Bill, Joe, and Tommy McDonald; and two sisters, Margaret Tarbell and Evelyn Scott.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, August 5, 2013, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Fr. Michael E. Volkmer C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Albia with military rites provided by the American Legion of Albia, Lovilia, and Melrose.

Visitation will be 3-7 p.m., Sunday, August 4, 2013, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with John's family present from 4-6 p.m. A rosary will be led at 4 p.m. by Knights of Columbus Council #4167, with a Christian wake service immediately following.

Memorials may be directed to the Welcome Home Soldier Memorial.

Tribute Wall



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January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



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“ *Gone but the smile will always shine throughout our lives.*

Kathleen and Marty - Blakesburg, IA - Daughter - August 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ From the time that my sister and I were able to walk home from school instead of going to a babysitter's, John and Mary's was always our first stop before we wandered down the rest of our gravel road to home. Their kindness and generosity opened their home to us and fed us cookies, pop, and often included trips to the Snack Shack for ice-cream. It was a childhood dream come true to have neighbors as loving as the McDonalds. John, your caring and humble personality will be greatly missed on 4th Avenue. It was an honor to be your neighbor. May you rest in peace surrounded by loved ones.

Cassie Corcoran - Albia, IA - Neighbor - August 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM