

Martin Mack Sr., age 103, of Fort Dodge, Iowa formerly of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at the Marian Home in Fort Dodge.

Martin Michael Henry Mack Sr., the son of Ernest & Ida (Meyer) Mack, was born on August 26, 1917 in Knoke, Iowa. As an infant, he was baptized into the Lutheran faith and was later confirmed.

Growing up, Martin attended St. Paul Lutheran School in Knoke, Iowa. He graduated from 8th grade in 1931 and started High school in the fall of 1931. He attended 6 weeks of high school but due to an injury his father sustained, he was pulled from High School to tend the farm. His sister Joann was born in the Spring of 1932 and Martin was needed to "help with housework which included baking 8 loaves of bread a day" (his own words) and Martin never went back to finish high school.

On May 17, 1942, Martin was united in marriage to Marie Schofield in Knoke. The couple was blessed with nine children: Martin, Anita, Coelet, Kelvin, Sheldon, Renae, Scott, Sandra, and Staci.

In 1942, Martin enlisted in the United States Army. Martin fought in World War II and served in the European, African, and Middle Eastern Theaters. He was honorably discharged on November 13, 1945.

Martin was a long-time member of St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. He was an active member and served as Head Trustee, Sunday School Superintendent, Choir, and Altar Guild. He was also a member of the Alta VFW as well as A.A. where he celebrated 53+ years of sobriety.

In his free time, Martin loved gardening and canning all his home-grown vegetables. He also enjoyed cooking and baking, especially for his family. When Martin wasn't in the garden, he could be found watching sports or playing card/board games with his family.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children: Martin (Carolyn) Mack Jr., Anita Mack, Coelet (Ron) Peters, Kelvin Mack, Sheldon (Cindy) Mack, Renae Norwood, Scott (fiancé, Molly Montag) Mack, Sandra (Jerry) Bell, Staci (Timothy) Olson; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Marge Hoefing and Janis Schofield; extended family and friends; also, his family at Marian Home which he came to love over the last decade of his life.

Martin was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Ida Mack; wife, Marie Mack; grandson, Terry Lee Peters; brothers: Paul, Norman, James, and infant brother, Donald Mack; sisters: Marie (Gene) Combs, Lois (Wayne) Oburn, and JoAnn (Ron) Bronsema; parents-in-law, Fred and Bertha Schofield; brothers and sisters-in-law, LaVon Wiese, Don (Juanita) Schofield, Louis Schofield, and Duane Schofield.

In Loving Memory



Martin M. Mack Sr.

1917 — 2021

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.



We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service.

— *The Family of Martin M. Mack Sr.*

IN MEMORY OF

Martin M. Mack Sr.

August 26, 1917 — January 30, 2021

FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 — 11:00 a.m.

St. John Lutheran Church

Storm Lake, Iowa

CLERGY

Pastor Bruce Lesemann

ORGANIST

Suzanne Winterhof

SPECIAL MUSIC

St. John's Choir

“The Lord's Prayer”

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“In My Hour Of Trial”

“Just As I Am”

“How Great Thou Art”

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Martin's Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

CASKET BEARERS

Josh Norwood, Justin Mack, Ian Bell

Brian Mack, Greg Mack, Jeff Mack

INTERMENT

Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery

Storm Lake, Iowa

Full Military Rites by Alta VFW Post 6172

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