

I N L O V I N G M E M O R Y



MELVIN MCGOWAN

DECEMBER 6, 1932 ~ FEBRUARY 27, 2020



That Morning

We knew little that morning
That God was going to call your name.

In life we *loved you dearly.*
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,

You did not go alone,

for part of us went with you,

that day God called you HOME.

You left us *peaceful memories,*
your love is still our guide;

and though we cannot see you,

you are ALWAYS at our side.

Our family chain is broken,
and nothing seems the same,

but as God calls us one by one,
the chain will link again.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Melvin John McGowan

Born

December 6, 1932
Ottertail, Minnesota

Died

February 27, 2020
Ottertail, Minnesota

Service

United Methodist Church
Ottertail, Minnesota
Wednesday, March 4, 2020 ~ 2:00 p.m.

Clergy

Pastor Ricardo Alcoser

Music

Congregational Hymns
Accompanied by Rosalie Alcoser
Special Music by Pam Schultze

Urn Bearer

Jordan Hagel

Masonic Funeral Rites

Perham Masonic Lodge #157

Survived By

Wife, Carol McGowan; children: Janet, Sam, Kathy, Letty,
Walter and Kim; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren;
2 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Marleen;
his Masonic brothers and his church family.

Laid to Rest

Ottertail Union Cemetery
Ottertail Township ~ Ottertail, Minnesota



Melvin John McGowan was born on December 6, 1932 at home in Rush Lake Township, rural Ottertail, Minnesota. His parents were the late Walter and Hortense (Larson) McGowan. Melvin attend school in Ottertail and Perham. He took employment at Land O' Lakes at the age of 19 and then McGowan Clearing and Sodding along highways. This turned into McGowan Construction Company where they worked on sewers and fencing along state highways in Minnesota.

In August of 1961 Melvin was united in marriage with Carol Brink in Watertown, South Dakota. In 1982, Melvin's neighbors petitioned to have a lake name after him. Melvin enjoyed his work and retired in 2016.

On February 27, 2020 Melvin passed away peacefully at his home in Ottertail at 87 years of age. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends. Preceding Melvin in death were his parents, Walter and Hortense and son John.

Melvin is a member of the Zuhrah Shrine and a member of the Perham Masonic Lodge #157 since January 13, 1965. He also enjoyed deer hunting with family and friends.

