



Loren "Tony" Anthony McLaughlin

December 28, 1931 - April 13, 2016

Loren "Tony" Anthony McLaughlin, 84, of Mason City died Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at Good Shepherd Nursing Home.

A Wake will be held from 4-7 pm on Sunday, April 17, 2016, at Fullerton Funeral Home with a 6:30 pm Vigil Service. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 am on Monday, April 18, 2016, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 302 5th St SE, Mason City, with Father Rodney Allers officiating. Interment will follow at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cemetery in Rockwell, IA.

Tony was born on December 28, 1931 in Rockwell to John "Bud" and Erma (Scholl) McLaughlin. He attended school in Swaledale and graduated from Swaledale High School in 1951. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War and was honorably discharged. On September 27, 1955 he was united in marriage to Margaret Buckley. She was the love of his life. The couple met at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake and became inseparable ever since. They enjoyed golfing and dancing together and even won a national dancing contest. Tony also enjoyed fishing trips up north with family and friends. Later in life he participated in many of the area tractor rides. In 2005 Tony and Margaret took a memorable trip to Ireland to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Tony was a hard worker throughout his life. For a few years he farmed near

Swaledale with his parents, and drove a tank truck for Ernie Peters. Tony then began working at Sears selling farm equipment and later worked for Bill Reed with Surge Co. He eventually owned and operated his own business: Sinclair Petroleum Marketing Business for several years then sold the business to ARCO Supply Company. Tony worked with ARCO for several more years before leaving the petroleum business to purchase a dairy farm North of Hanlontown, IA. Tony and Margaret farmed from 1971 until the late 90's when he retired and moved to Mason City.

Tony was a member of the Mason City Moose Lodge, Rockwell American Legion and St. Joseph Catholic Church/Holy Family Catholic Church while residing in Mason City. Tony and Margaret were also members of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manly for many years prior to living in Mason City; both being devoted Catholics their whole life.

He will be remembered by his family and friends as a fun loving and caring person who loved talking and visiting with others. He was always willing to help others. He was a loving dad, grandpa and husband. Tony diligently visited his wife after she became ill with dementia and their love story became parallel to "The Notebook." He deeply cared for her up until his death.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Margaret McLaughlin of Mason City; 8 children: Michael (Jill) McLaughlin of Mason City, Kathy Cordle of Loveland, CO, Theresa (Kim) DeWitt of Mason City, Patrick (Wanda) McLaughlin of Manly, John (Monica) McLaughlin of Kensett, Laurie (Rod) Been of Belmond, Charles (Carla) McLaughlin of Mason City and Matthew (Melanie) McLaughlin of Liberty, MO; twin brother, Loras "Pete" (Ethel) McLaughlin of Clear Lake; sister-in-law, Dolores McLaughlin of Mason City; 22 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; and many other loving relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bud and Erma McLaughlin; infant

son, Patrick Raymond McLaughlin; sister, Dorothy (Alvin) Hobbiebrunken and brother, LaVerne McLaughlin.

Online condolences may be left at www.fullertonfh.com.

Fullerton Funeral Home, 123 2nd St SE, Mason City, IA 50401, 641-423-8676
www.Fullertonfh.com

Cemetery Details

Sacred Hearth Catholic Church Cemetery

Rockwell, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fullerton Funeral Home in Mason City
123 2nd St. SE
Mason City, IA 50401
(641) 423-8676
mail@fullertonfh.com
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Mass of Christian Burial

APR 18. 10:30 AM (CT)


St Joseph Catholic Church
302 5th St SE
Mason City, IA

Tribute Wall



“ Loren *"Tony" Anthony McLaughlin*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

 Rose
Bram

“ *Tony had become like "gpa" figure to me the past couple of years.. As I coordinate daily activities on "Maggie's" alzheimer's unit -- he came to not only see her every day, but share meals with her, take naps in the recliner with her, play games together, read the paper, bring her snacks etc etc-- he was always around, we could talk rockwell-swaledale news;beings that's where I grew. Loren would do everything in his power to assist his wife and make her smile, she could always count on him too! Even during a fight with pneumonia..he STILL had his wife, AND his faith as #1. I'm blessed to have gotten to know him and spent time with him as well as his dear ones..*

I was unable to attend funeral and was away during those last days, so I send my condolences and love in great measure! This man will be missed by many ~

Rose Bram - April 18, 2016 at 09:28 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Loren "Tony" Anthony McLaughlin.*



April 18, 2016 at 11:19 AM

DC

“ Although time has put distance between us I wish to extend to all the McLaughlin's my deepest sympathy for your loss. Tony was a great man and I can only imagine how his loss will leave a void in your hearts. I hope the memories of the good times shared with him will help heal your hearts. I always appreciated Tony and his attitude towards everything in life. I will remember him always as a very good man, a loving husband to Margaret and you kids, not to mention his grandkids and everyone he ever came in contact with. He always wore a smile. A very special person indeed he was. My best to you all.
Dave Cordle

Dave Cordle - April 17, 2016 at 02:09 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Loren "Tony" Anthony McLaughlin.



April 17, 2016 at 09:16 AM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Loren "Tony" Anthony McLaughlin.



April 16, 2016 at 11:30 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loren "Tony" Anthony McLaughlin.



April 15, 2016 at 09:07 PM



“ Tony was a wonderful man and I have many good memories of him. He loved life and always had a good word for everyone. He shared with me many years ago that he got snowed in at the Dougherty county shed with my dad and they had a great night. Along with many drinks, ha. Tony loved his family and was so proud of all of you.

Deb Campbell - April 15, 2016 at 09:00 PM



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linda kruger - April 15, 2016 at 06:36 PM



“ Matt, I'm so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family during this time. Jennifer Sawyer

Jennifer Sawyer - April 15, 2016 at 01:13 PM

ED

“ *Employees of the Independence Water Department purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Loren "Tony" Anthony McLaughlin.*



Employees of the Independence Water Department - April 15, 2016 at 12:36 PM

ME

“ *MJ Electric purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Loren "Tony" Anthony McLaughlin.*



MJ Electric - April 15, 2016 at 10:34 AM