



Bernard "Barney" R. Dougherty

December 18, 1941 - February 6, 2020

Bernard Robert "Barney" Dougherty, beloved brother and uncle, passed away at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center on February 6, 2020 in Mason City, IA.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 105 North Main Street, Greene, IA 50636 with Monsignor Walter Brunkan and Deacon Matt Miller, celebrant. Burial will take place in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Dougherty, with a gathering to follow at the St. Patrick's Catholic School, 410 East Patrick Street, Dougherty, IA.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the Mass at the church.

A life-long resident of Dougherty, Barney was born December 18, 1941, the third child of Robert and Helen (Dolan) Dougherty.

In 1952, Barney contracted the polio virus but it didn't stop him from living a full, productive and active life. He graduated from St. Patrick's High School (Go Irish!) in Dougherty. Barney loved the land and farming was to be his life's career. He got his start at the local elevator before acquiring a spread of his own.

Barney was a member of the Dougherty town council and devoted his time to the betterment of his local, namesake community. He worked as a volunteer fireman and put his husky frame to work in the service to others. An avid fisherman, he traded tales with friends of whoppers from the waters of Minnesota and Canada. He was a fearsome hunter with trophies to prove it. A great outdoorsman, he enjoyed all manner of sports including softball, down-hill skiing and most of all, golf. Being the manly-man he was, he was not above planting a few bright flowers in his front yard or designing a holiday light display that brightened the countryside.

Golf was his passion. For a lefty, his aim and accuracy were astounding. His five hole-in-one trophies were something he never tired of showing off along with great details of how each was achieved. He conquered many local courses and for several winters took his game to Florida. His most fond memories were the two visits he made to Ireland and the courses he played there.

Barney was a very private and humble man whose faith was the fiber of his being. It kept him strong and powered him through life's challenges. Although he was a man of few words, he loved his family deeply and knew they loved him.

Surviving are his sisters, Elizabeth “Liz” Dougherty, San Diego, CA and Mollie Dougherty Chritton, the Villages, FL; nephew Tim Dougherty-Sanders, Patrick Cavanaugh, and Angus Porter; special friend, Rick Demaray; as well as many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Helen; sibling Sister Mary Robertelle (Mary Patricia) and brothers Daniel “Danny” and Robert “Bobby” and Eleanore.

Cemetery

St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery

Dougherty, IA,

Events

FEB 12 **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:30AM
St. Mary's Catholic Church
105 N Main St, Greene, IA, US, 50636

FEB 12 **Funeral Mass** 10:30AM
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FEB 12 **Gathering of Friends and Family**
St. Patrick's Parish Center
410 Patrick St., Dougherty, IA, US

Comments



“ Liz, Mollie and family, Our deepest sympathy during this time of your great loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. John and Sue McLaughlin

John and Sue McLaughlin - February 13, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ Bernard (Bernie) McKigney purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bernard "Barney" R. Dougherty.



Bernard (Bernie) McKigney - February 10, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Dougherty family. Barney was an unforgettable, gentle soul who was a friend to everyone. I remember when I was in St Patrick's grade school he would show up at basketball practices and help Fr. Reickts as a volunteer coach to help us boys hone our basketball skills. And he worked at the Cooperative Elevator doing some of everything. Rest In Peace big brother!

Mike Kelley - February 08, 2020 at 09:50 PM