



## Burnell McDermott

May 25, 1919 - March 26, 2015

Ridgeway - Burnell Ambrose McDermott, age 95, of Ridgeway, passed away on Thursday, March 26, 2015, at Upland Hills Rehab following a brief illness.

He was born May 25, 1919 in Ridgeway, the son of Henry and Agnes McDermott. He grew up on a farm in rural Ridgeway with two brothers and three sisters.

He married the love of his life, Ruth Johnson on September 27, 1947. He farmed on the family farm for a short time prior to starting a construction business with his father-in-law. When his father-in-law retired, Burnell joined the Operating Engineers and worked for various construction companies. After he retired he enjoyed working for the Village of Ridgeway and The Springs Golf Course.

Burnell was a proud Irishman who enjoyed fishing, going to the casino and traveling, as well as spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was an avid fan of the Wisconsin Badgers, Milwaukee Brewers, and also loved to watch the Packers.

Burnell was an active member of St. Bridget's parish and was a 4th degree member of the Ridgeway/Barneveld Knights of Columbus.

Burnell is survived by his four children, Liz (Denny) Loy of McFarland, Jim McDermott of Georgetown, KY, Mary Kay Vogel, Deb (Keith) Buckingham, both of Mineral Point; 6 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; his brother, Frank (Marie) McDermott; two brothers-in-law, Howard Strassman and O.J. (Mary) Johnson; many other special relatives and friends.

Burnell is preceded in death by his wife Ruth, parents Henry and Agnes McDermott, siblings LaVerne, Geraldine, Tootie, and Helen.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 30, 2015 at ST. BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Ridgeway. Father Sanctus Ibe will officiate. Burial will be held in St. Bridget's Cemetery. Friends may call from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Sunday at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville and from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass on Monday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Burnell's name to St. Bridget's Catholic Church, American Cancer Society, or Upland Hills Hospice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Burnell McDermott*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *To my cousins, I will never forget all the good times we shared with Uncle Burnell. It is hard getting older and losing our family members. He now is at peace with Aunt Ruth, our Mom and all the rest of the family. When I think of him and your Mom I will always remember how proud they were to be Irish. Go rest high on the mountain, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*  
*Love, Jean*

**Jean Lampman Jones** - April 28, 2018 at 01:55 AM



“ *Sir Burnell McDermott was always a pleasure to work with in all the charity & Church projects Council 10905 Ridgeway/Barneveld and 4th Degree Assembly 2320 did over the years. He will be remembered as a great gentleman and an example for younger Knights of Columbus to follow!*  
*I can't believe that after visiting Burnell on Tuesday, that on Thursday he was gone already!*  
*Assembly 2320 Faithful Navigator & Past Grand Knight 10905 Bob Birrenkott*

**Robert G. Birrenkott** - April 28, 2018 at 01:55 AM

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“ I am so sad for all of you at the loss of Burnell. He meant so much to so many people. He was a truly "good man." I am also happy he's reunited with "the love of his life."  
My whole family has been praying for all of you and we will continue to pray.  
May God help you through tomorrow and always.  
Charles and Delores (Menehan) Steimle amd Family

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**Delores A Steimle** - April 28, 2018 at 01:55 AM

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“ Goodbye for now, my dear sweet Godfather, my beloved Uncle Burnell. I shall go on loving you, as I did before. You will never really leave me, as you will live on in my memory for as long as it lives, and then in the memories of all I have shared those memories, and on it shall go. I know this, as I still share the memories of Great Grandparents four generations back; those I love, though never knew, are an integral part of me. And so it shall be, with you my dear, precious Uncle Burnell. You are the kindest, sweetest, dearest, most humble, loveable, jovial person I have ever known. I am privileged to call you Godfather. To speak your name is to speak a smile. I love you!

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**Linda Jo (Joie) Lampman Fernandez Bostwick** - April 28, 2018 at 01:55 AM

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“ In memory of my very IRISH Uncle Burmell  
A Devoted Roman Catholic,  
A Proud Member of the Knights of Columbus.  
A Good man, Husband, Father, Grandfather & Uncle  
As well as the beloved Brother in Law of Our Mother,  
Darlene Johnson Lampman.  
Smile, Though Your Heart is Breaking  
<http://youtu.be/cIEd5MfKrDk>

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**Linda jo Lampman Fernandez Bostwick** - April 28, 2018 at 01:55 AM