

Joseph Claude McAllister, 86, of Richville, MN, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, September 8, 2024 surrounded by family. Joe was born at home on January 17, 1938, the son of George and Florence (Neubauer) McAllister. He attended District 267 Country School before graduating from Perham High School with the class of 1955. Upon graduation, Joe enlisted in the United States Army where he served as a helicopter mechanic until his honorable discharge in 1959.

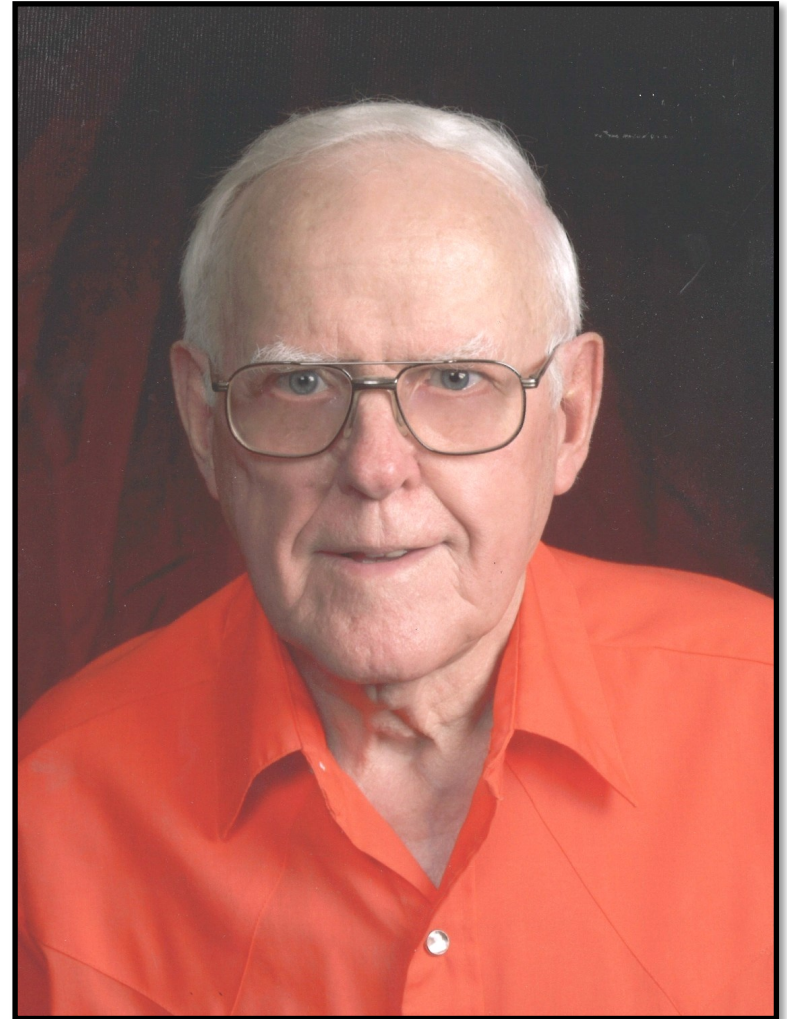
Joe was united in marriage on August 5, 1961 to Donna (Ash) McAllister. They spent the next 60 years together and their marriage was blessed with two children, Jodi (Monte) Ohlrogge and Jeff (Shawn) McAllister. Joe worked in construction until he and Donna started a small dairy farm where they worked side by side for the next 23 years. Upon selling the cows, Joe began working for the United States Postal Service where he retired as a rural mail carrier.

Joe had a strong faith and believed in the importance of family. He enjoyed the simple things in life whether he was sitting on a tractor plowing the ground, losing a game of cards to a grandchild, picking up a guitar and strumming a few chords with his brothers, or delivering everyone's mail on time.

Preceding Joe in death were his parents; parents-in-law Joe and Eunice; wife Donna; siblings Helen, George, Norma Jean, James, and Lorraine; brothers-in-law Leonard, Maynard, Larry, Tom, and Jack; and sisters-in-law Sharon and Lois. Surviving Joe are his children Jodi (Monte), Jeff (Shawn); grandchildren Amanda (Kevin), Eric (Ashley), Josie (Sagan), Madison, Jacob, and Avery; great-grandchildren Hunter and Riley; his brother Jerome (Pauline); brother-in-law Lawrence; and sister-in-law Jacki.



I N L O V I N G
Memory



Joseph Claude McAllister

January 17, 1938 - September 8, 2024

I farmed the land.

I tramped the wood,
These are the things I understood.

No grand schemes, they passed me by.
I knew the brook, the hills, the sky.

To hunt a bird, to wet a line,

Gifts from God, so good and fine.

Friend and kin, I LOVED THEM SO;
Although I'm gone, I'm sure they know,

I'm now at peace, life's battle done,
I've faced the foe and *I have won.*

- By: Earl Smithson



Funeral Mass

Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

St. James Catholic Church
of Maine Township
Underwood, Minnesota

Officiant

Father LeRoy Schik

Musician

Joan Klinnert

Casket Bearers

Bill Rastedt - Dale Rastedt

David Rastedt - Ken Rastedt

Andy McAllister - Steve Ash - Pat Ash

Honorary Casket Bearers

Grandchildren &
Great Grandchildren

Interment

St. James Catholic Church Cemetery
Underwood, Minnesota