

Howard McIntosh

HOWARD CURTIS 'CURTY' MCINTOSH, 92 ROCKFORD - Howard Curtis "Curty" McIntosh, 92, of Rockford, passed away from complications of pancreatic cancer on Saturday, March 1, 2008, in the Health Center of Wesley Willows surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Edgemont, S.D., May 26, 1915, the eldest son of Howard and Bertha (Graves) McIntosh. Howard graduated from Edgemont High School in 1933. He was the last surviving member of his class. From 1934 to 1935, he worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the Black Hills area of South Dakota. He graduated from Huron College in 1939. Served in the Army Air Corp from 1942 to 1946, stationed at a B17 bomber base in Hobbs, N.M., and later became a part of the Air Transport Command. In 1944, he married Rosetta Jordan, of West Chicago, whom he met while she was teaching in his hometown of Edgemont. Their love affair grew into marriage that lasted for 63 years. Howard received his master's degree from Northern Illinois University in 1967. He taught school for 36 years. His first years of teaching were spent in Wood, S.D., then in Edgemont where he coached two undefeated football teams. He also taught in the Harlem School District for 11 years and 19 1/2 years at Lincoln Middle School in the Rockford School District before retiring in 1980. Howard was an avid sports enthusiast. He was captain of the Edgemont football team during his senior year of high school. He was also captain of the Huron College football team during his senior year. He maintained his interest in sports throughout his life. He enjoyed watching all high school sports and was especially joyous whenever the Cubs, Bears or Bulls won. He was a better than average golfer and enjoyed bowling. In recent years he relished playing pool and cards regularly with his friends at Wesley Willows. He enjoyed solving crossword puzzles, tending to his tomato and pepper plants and listening to country music. Howard was a 48-year member of Third Presbyterian Church, where he served several terms as deacon and elder and was active in fellowship clubs. He became a member on April 10, 1960. He also was a member of the YMCA Retired Men's Club. For 10 years, Howard was a volunteer driver for the American Cancer Society, driving patients to the hospital for treatments. Howard will be remembered for his love of family, sense of humor, kindness and gentleness. Survivors include his loving wife; children, David McIntosh of Amherst, Wis., Mary (Joseph) Gsell of Naperville and Phillip (Connie) McIntosh of Pecatonica; grandchildren, Elizabeth (Erik) Farnham of Missoula, Mont., and Joseph Matthew Gsell of Chicago; brother, Roy McIntosh of Tujunga, Calif.; brother-in-law George Jordan and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by brother, Dr. Charles Barron McIntosh and parents. Memorial service celebrating Howard's life will be conducted by Dr. Murray Hanson at 2 p.m. Friday, March 7, in Third Presbyterian Church, 1221 Custer Ave., Rockford, with visitation from 1 p.m. to time of service. Memorials may be made to Third Presbyterian Church, Severson Dells Nature Center or the Good Samaritan Fund of Wesley Willows. Fitzgerald Funeral Home and Crematory assisted the family.

The Memorial Service for Howard Curtis McIntosh

Friday, March 7, 2008

2:00 PM

“Our Help is in the Name of the Lord”

Prelude

Chimes: “Near to the Heart of God”

Words of Welcome: Dr. Murray Hanson, Pastor

Call to Worship, Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Favorite Readings from Isaiah 40; Psalm 40, 46, 62, 90;
Ecclesiastes 3

Solo: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Henry Hollar

New Testament Readings: I Corinthians 13 & 15 (selected verses)

Personal Touch: Joseph Gsell & Connie McIntosh

Solo: “How Great Thou Art” Henry Hollar

Meditation

Prayer, Benediction and Grace for Our Fellowship Time

Organ Postlude: “On Eagle's Wings”

Ushers Al Justman, Ken Lang,
John Gustafson and Gordon Copas

Church Organist Lu Willsey

Accompanist Beverly Hollar

We are each invited downstairs to the Dining Room immediately following the service for lunch. Thank you to Shirley Storsveen, Marion Lingel and Betty Brown and the Bereavement Committee for their preparations.

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