

**William N. McDowall, 87**  
**St. Augusta, MN**  
**Oct. 3, 1930- Jan. 16, 2018**



Bill McDowall, age 87, of St. Augusta, went to be with the Lord Jan. 16, 2018. Bill died at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center in St. Cloud. Mass of Christian Burial was 11 a.m. Jan. 25 at St. Mary's Help of Christian's Catholic Church in St. Augusta with Rev. Jose Edayadiyil, VC officiating. Burial was at Assumption Cemetery in St. Cloud. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in St. Cloud and one hour prior to services Thursday at the gathering space at St. Mary's Help of Christians in St. Augusta. Parish prayers will be at 4:30 p.m. followed by the Sauk Rapids American Legion Post No. 254 praying at 6 p.m. and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 622 praying at 6:30 p.m., all Wednesday evening at the funeral home in St. Cloud.

Bill was born Oct. 3, 1930 in Flint, Mich. to William N. and Grace A. (McGowan) McDowall. He grew up in Joliet, Illinois and moved with his family to Big Lake where he attended Big Lake high school.

After graduating high school, Bill served in the U.S. Airforce. He married Helen (Mitchell, deceased) in 1951. They farmed in Big Lake and then

moved to St. Cloud in 1964 after he joined the family business, McDowall Company. Together they raised seven children. Bill married his wife of nearly 25 years, Kathy (Appert) McDowall in 1993. Together they enjoyed their 29 grandchildren, camping and the outdoors, and family lunches.

Teaching gun safety classes with his son, Michael brought great fulfillment in his retirement years. He thoroughly enjoyed teaching youth and giving them the skills needed to be safe.

Survivors include his wife Kathy of St. Augusta; children, Michael (LaDonna) of Becker, Marie Hansen of Farmington, William (Julie) of Farmington, Stuart of Clear Lake, Barbara Linn (Dave) of St. Cloud; step children, Nicolas Appert of Rice, Christopher Appert (Collette) of Bozman Mont.; son-in-law, Kenneth Linn of Clear Lake; sisters, Jean Nelson of Big Lake and Mary Lou Kerber of St. Cloud and brother, Bob McDowall (Patricia) of Big Lake. Bill has too many wonderful grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews to mention by name, but know that he loved you all.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, Helen (Mitchell); daughters Theresa (McDowall) Umerski and Rebecca (McDowall) Linn; grandson Greg McDowall; great-grandson Wyatt Linn-Hoefler and Aaron Garland; brother George McDowall; sisters Grace Grant and Elizabeth Franta.

A special thank you to the nurses and staff on the second floor of building 50 and the adult day-care staff at the St. Cloud VA medical Center. Thanks also to Dr. Barbara Bollinger at River Campus and all of the CentraCare staff. The care you all provided was truly exceptional.

Memorials are preferred to volunteer services adult day Care at the VA Medical Center in St. Cloud or St. Mary's Help of Christians Catholic Church in St. Augusta.