

## **Gordon Frank Donlea**



Gordon Frank Donlea was born April 11, 1922 in Rowley, Iowa the son of Frank and Mae Livingston Donlea. Gordy and his family moved to Winthrop when he was 4. He attended all grades and graduated from Winthrop High School. After school he worked at Mulford's Produce, the Winthrop Post Office, and then took over the Standard Oil Agent position when his father was unable to continue working. Gordy was united in marriage to Constance "Connie" Quillin in 1947. They were the parents of Patricia "Patsy", Dennis, Kevin, and Mary Michelle. Connie and Patsy were both killed in a car-semi accident in 1960. Gordy was united in marriage to Linda Grapes in 1962. They were the parents of Kathleen, Tom, Teresa, Lisa, and Jana. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic church in Winthrop. He served on the Winthrop School Board and then the East Buchanan School Board for 18 years. He served on the Winthrop City Council and was mayor for 8 years. He also served as a volunteer fire fighter and was fire Chief for many years. He was a Charter member of the Buffalo Creek Golf Club, the Winthrop Swim Club, Doctor's Clinic, Winthrop Housing Corp. and the Winthrop Community Club. After retirement his favorite pastime was golfing. He liked having family around, eating meals with them, telling stories and playing cribbage. Gordy entered into his eternal rest on Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at the East Towne Care Center in Independence following a lengthy illness. He was 85 years of age. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Connie, his daughter Patsy, and his four brothers: Don, Glen, Jack, and Jim Donlea. Survivors include his wife Linda of Winthrop; eight children: Dennis (Mary) Donlea of Winthrop; Kevin (Linda) Donlea of Burke, VA; Michelle (Red) Olsen of Winthrop; Kathleen (Randy) Corley of Arlington Hts. IL; Tom (Julia) Donlea of Seattle, WA; Teresa (Paul) Francois of Dublin, OH; Lisa of Irvine, CA; and Jana (Kevin) Stevens of Dacula, GA; nineteen grandchildren, four great grandchildren, two sisters: Dorothy "Dot" (Leonard) Mumm of Reinbeck, IA and Catherine "Kate" Allyn of Greeley, Iowa. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. Tuesday, June 19, 2007 in St. Patrick's Catholic Church at Winthrop with Rev. Aloysius Vorwald officiating and Ann Slattery and St. Pat's Choir supplying the music. Interment will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery at Winthrop. Casketbearers will be grandsons: Jeff Donlea, Tim Donlea, Nick Donlea, Keith Weiland, Josh Weiland and Jason Donlea. Friends may call at the Fawcett Funeral Home in Winthrop from 3 PM until 7:30 PM Monday, June 18 where the scripture service will take place at 7:30 P.M. following the visitation. Online condolences may be sent on [www.fawcettsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fawcettsfuneralhome.com) under obituaries. The Fawcett Funeral Home of Winthrop assisted the family with arrangements.