



Dr. Joseph M. Rooney

February 16, 1927 - February 28, 2018

Joseph M Rooney, of Olathe, KS, formerly of Spirit Lake, IA and Algona, IA, entered eternal rest on the morning of February 28, 2018.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass for Joe on Friday, March 2nd, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Olathe, Kansas. Visitation and Rosary will start at 9:00 a.m. at the church on Friday. Military Graveside Rites will be conducted by the American Legion Timpe Post #23 and the VFW John W. Kidd Post #4514 in the St Margaret's Cemetery in Spirit Lake, Iowa on Saturday, March 3rd, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon at the St Mary's Parish Hall in Spirit Lake. The Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Joe was born on February 16, 1927, the second son of Virgil and Marguerite Rooney. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves, Pre-Engineering Program at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. Active duty from 1945 to 1951. Attended Creighton University and Medical School in Omaha, NE 1948 to 1955, obtaining his Medical Degree. Interned at Saint Catherine's Hospital, followed by private General Family Practice in Algona, Iowa for 36 years having delivered 1509 babies. Retired and moved in 1992 with his wife Jean to Spirit Lake, Iowa.

He was a 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, the Phi Chi Medical Fraternity, active in the Republican Party, and the Spirit Lake American Legion. He enjoyed his grandchildren, playing cards, working jigsaw

and crossword puzzles, golfing and fishing.

Preceded in death by his wife, of 49 years, Jean M. Wagner married June 14, 1952. Jean died 6/13/01 on the eve of their 49th wedding anniversary. They raised 6 children: Timothy, Michael, Patrick, Kathleen, Shawn, and Paula. (lost 1 daughter at term pregnancy.) They had 18 Grandchildren and 32 Great-Grandchildren. He married Dora E. Baum on 8/14/04, she preceded him in death on 2/25/17 after 13 years of marriage. He is also survived by 4 brothers and 2 sisters.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations to be sent to the building fund of his parish St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Olathe, Kansas, St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake, IA or Bishop Garrigan High School in Algona, IA.

Cemetery Details

St. Margaret's Cemetery

Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace
Olathe, KS 66062

Service

MAR 2. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace
Olathe, KS 66062

Tribute Wall

AC

“ *Many condolences to the whole Rooney family. It was an honor to have met so many of you when I attended the Rooney reunion with my parents at Conception Abby. I enjoyed the visits to Joe and Jean's house in Algona as well. Joe was a special relative and person.*

Anne Tackett Collingwood - March 03, 2018 at 10:50 PM

SB

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you, the entire Rooney Family. How proud you must be of Dr Rooney's fantastic Life of helping families. He was not only a great Doctor but a great inspiration. We all loved him in my family and talk about him often . God's Peace be with all of you.*
Sue Behr

Sue Behr - March 03, 2018 at 08:38 AM

JA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Rooney family as I send my deepest condolences to all of you. Joe was a huge part of my life and my family when we all lived in Algona. I am so grateful for my visits with him in Spirit Lake and for his friendship. My love to all of you.*
Judy Knoll Archung

Judy Knoll Archung - March 02, 2018 at 01:33 PM

CP

“ *Condolences to the Rooney family. Your father was an active member of St. Mary's with always a kind word. He was a devout man and one that will be remembered. We were blessed to have him as part of our church family.*



Cyndy Powers - March 02, 2018 at 11:42 AM

NP

“ *My deepest condolences and sympathy to Dr. Joe's family. Dora was my sister in law and I am glad to have had the opportunity to meet Dr. Joe. Enjoyed his humor and kindness. In his love, Norma Lee Pinkerton. Niceville ,Fl*

Norma Lee Pinkerton - March 01, 2018 at 10:24 PM

MD

“ *Mark & Shari Dykema lit a candle in memory of Dr. Joseph M. Rooney*



Mark & Shari Dykema - March 01, 2018 at 05:52 PM

EI

“ *EileenMikeLamer lit a candle in memory of Dr. Joseph M. Rooney*



EileenMikeLamer - March 01, 2018 at 04:00 PM

EI

Deepest Condolences and sympathy to the family. He was friends of my Dad and Mom Ed and Pat Welch and said the rosary at my Dad's Wake. Very active in St Marys, a wonderful man.

EileenMikeLamer - March 01, 2018 at 04:01 PM

BD

“ I'm saddened to hear of Dr Rooney's passing. He's always held a special place in my heart for helping me give birth to my four children. He was a wonderful man and a great MD that made a difference in so many lives. My sympathies to his family. Bev Darr

Bev Darr - March 01, 2018 at 12:57 PM

JR

“ I have such fond memories of the Rooney family and spending countless hours at their house while our mothers played cards. Kathleen even gave me my first hair cut. She cut off my pony tail while we played beauty shop. My heart feels condolences are with you all at this time. Love to you all💕. Jeanne Bestenlehner-Reding

Jeanne Reding - February 28, 2018 at 08:32 PM

LI

“ Dr Rooney was THE BEST! What a kind gentleman and friend to many. I will always remember him for his Irish eyes a smilin'💚 My sympathies to his family. May he Rest In Peace. His reward will be great in Heaven!

Linda K Farrell, Whittemore, IA - February 28, 2018 at 08:30 PM

DW

“ Rest in peace, Dr. Rooney - a man of compassion and principle.

Dennis Waller - February 28, 2018 at 08:20 PM

JM

“ So sorry to read of your Father's passing. He was always a kind man. We had good times playing cards with him and Dora in Spirit Lake. We will keep him and his family in our prayers.

*Jerry and Patty McGuire
Sioux City, Iowa*

Jerry and Patty McGuire - February 28, 2018 at 07:58 PM

ED

“ I am one of the 1509 lives his gentle hands brought into this world and he was my doctor while growing up. A wonderful and kind man who lived a wonderful and long life. My prayers are with the Rooney family.

EJ Degen

EJ Degen - February 28, 2018 at 07:27 PM

LB

“ Linda Breuker lit a candle in memory of Dr. Joseph M. Rooney



Linda Breuker - February 28, 2018 at 11:50 AM

DH

“ We have lost a great friend and kind man. God bless you, Doc and thank you for your many loving gestures to all who knew you. Your family has our sincerest sympathy.

Dale and Laura Hanna - February 28, 2018 at 11:04 AM