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MCGEE FAMILY

“McGee Family Fund”

Celebrating history and celebrating community! The McGee Family Fund was established in 2005 as a way to recognize the golden wedding anniversary of Gerald and Marian (Marr) McGee.

Gerald McGee, Sr. and Marian Marr were married at Immaculate Conception Church located in Riceville, Iowa on November 15, 1955. They were fortunate with the blessings of five sons: Gerald, Jr., Larry, Terry, Garry, and Perry.

The couple's sons and families established this fund as a way to celebrate the accomplishments of and genuine people they are so proud to call parents.

Gerald, Sr. was born in Elma on Christmas Day, 1936 as the only son of Charles and Ella (Knippling) McGee. Marian was born nearly a year later in Riceville on December 16, 1937 to Ralph and Lila (Sullivan) Marr. The couple's ties to Elma have always been strong with the Knippling's and Sullivan's having lived in the rural Elma area and the Marr's in Afton Township for over 125 years and the McGee's for over 90 years.

Gerald, Sr. farmed, worked at the Oliver factory in Charles City, hauled milk and shelled corn early in his married life. Later he continued farming, drove a school bus and was an auctioneer throughout the area. Marian worked hard raising their family of seven, drove a school bus and worked at Donaldson's in Cresco.

Since their semi-retirement, they have both become active in various pursuits. Together they enjoy gardening and have become avid bird watchers. Gerald, Sr. and Marian have also become politically active and involved in many community efforts as volunteers. Among their main interests are the local library, school, Iowa State University basketball, and the Chicago Cubs and Cleveland Indians baseball teams. They are also active genealogists.

Gerald, Sr. and Marian have especially enjoyed their trips to Ireland

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The McGee Family Fund. For the Elma Area. For Good. For Ever.

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