

Mass at 7:20 A.M.  
in Dillon and  
Cavanaugh chapels.

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8:00 A.M. daily in  
Cavanaugh chapel.

Jack McGowan.

Nearly a thousand students crowded into Sacred Heart Church Wednesday morning to assist at the Requiem Mass for Jack McGowan. One Dillonite watched with satisfaction the men slip out of his hall, some alone, some in groups, and he commented, as many students have commented since Jack's death at 2:30 Tuesday morning, "He made lots of friends."

Jack died a happy death, God's blessing on a life of goodness. Our Blessed Lady prepared him for this last trial. She must have been his advocate throughout his life, because her name came quickly to his lips in ejaculatory prayer when the priest attending him encouraged him to call on his Heavenly Mother.

Helping Jack in his Last Agony were all the prayers sent up from the campus, notably from Alumni Hall, his place of residence, where his hallmates crowded into the chapel at ten o'clock Tuesday night and said the rosary together when the news got around that Jack was very low.

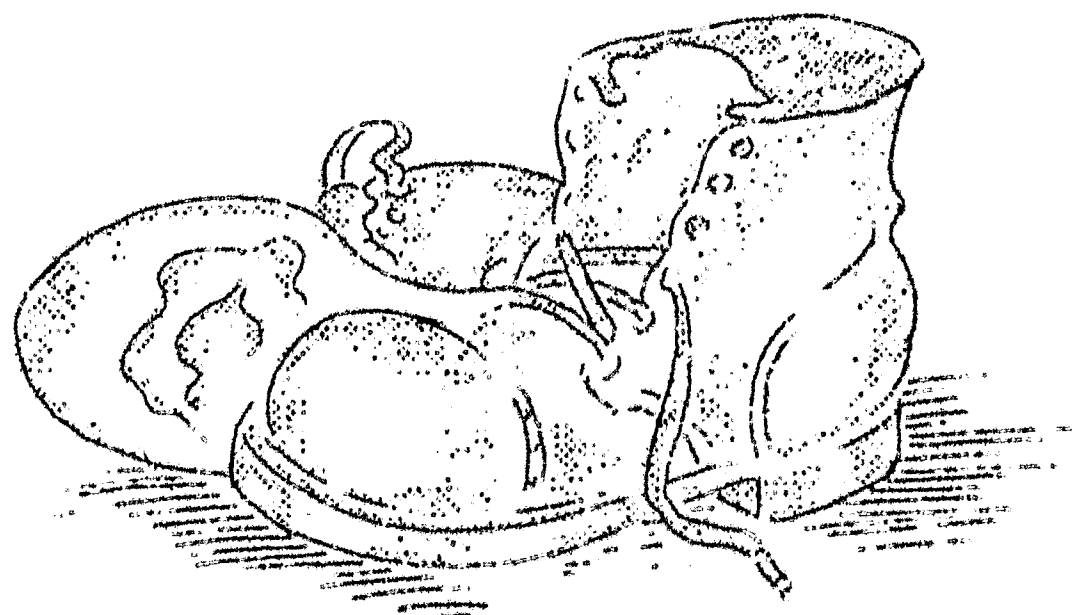
Jack's friendships were lasting, a most commendable note, because companionship does not persevere unless one is sincere, likable and trustworthy. Many of Jack's associates knew him since his high school days at Fenwick High in Chicago. When he came to Notre Dame in 1941, his genial personality brought many others into the circle of his quiet charm.

When the war broke out, Jack entered the Service. He was with the V-12 program at Notre Dame. After special training at Great Lakes he went into the Pacific where he met the horrors of Okinawa and Iwo Jima. He remained solid through it all, and when he returned to Notre Dame last September and entered the Law School, he was his "old self."

It was Jack's sense of humor that was a special blessing to all his companions, so they mention when speaking about him. They liked to have him around; he drove away their blues. Our Blessed Lord spoke about charity as being kind and patient; He could also have said that charity is humorous, for if kindness and patience is needed in this vale of tears, so is cheerfulness. May God reward Jack richly for the sunshine be brought to his family and friends.

A good life pays dividends -- that's the lesson all of us should learn from Jack's death

PRAYERS: (deceased) grandfather of Bill Crotty (D11). (Ill) mother of Bill Turner  
(Alumni Hall)



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