

**James A. McGowan**, (18 May 1925 – 24 Apr 2009), Perry County Times, Thursday, May 7, 2009

**James A. McGowan**, 83, of Newport died Friday, April 24, 2009.

He was born May 18, 1925 in Millerstown to **John A.** and **Bertha (Barns) McGowan**.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1943 and flew 29 missions as a navigator over occupied Europe and later flew combat missions in Korea and Vietnam, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross, eight air medals and the Bronze Star. He retired from the Air Force with 26 years of service.

He was a member of Perry Valley Presbyterian Church, Newport, Lodge 381, F&AM, Newport Royal Arch Chapter 238, Harrisburg Consistory, Shrine, Tall Cedars, charter member of Millerstown VFW 5049, Newport American Legion, Millerstown Moose 925 and Military Officers Association. He had served on Newport Borough Council, was secretary for the Newport Municipal Sewer Authority, was the Newport Civil Defense director and served with Millerstown Fire Company and Ambulance League and Newport Ambulance League.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, **Patty (Meloy) McGowan**; two sons, **James L.** of Florida and **Timothy E.** of Millerstown; a daughter, **Connie McGowan-Ward** of Sacramento, Calif.; a sister, **Mary A. Zaring** of Liverpool; and six grandchildren, **Hallie, Drew, Blake, Ian, Samuel** and **Emily McGowan**.

Services were held April 29 in Highland Presbyterian Church, Newport, with the Rev. Edward Baugh officiating.

Burial, with military honors, was in Wrights Cemetery, Millerstown.

David M. Myers Funeral Home, Newport, handled arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Millerstown Fire Company, P.O. Box 204, Millerstown 17062, or Newport Ambulance League, 50 S. Third St., Newport 17074.

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