



Jim McDonough

December 20, 1933 - January 18, 2018

Jim McDonough, 84, of Oskaloosa passed away Thursday evening, January 18, 2018, at Mahaska Health Partnership in Oskaloosa.

Marion “Jim” Lee McDonough was born December 20, 1933, to Chester “Pete” and Mary B. (Perkins) McDonough on a farm near Lacey. His parents moved to a farm north of Oskaloosa when he was age two. He was a 1952 graduate of Oskaloosa High School and while in high school he enjoyed football, basketball, and track. Jim was inducted into the U.S. Navy March 21, 1956. Of the 19 months he served, he was stationed on an aircraft carrier, the USS Kearsarge for seven months. He was discharged October 17, 1957.

While still in high school, Jim began working part-time for Carmichael & Son Livestock. He later worked for Archie Long Livestock Oskaloosa Sale Co. and then became an employee and stockholder of Oskaloosa Livestock Auction, Inc. He worked there for 30 years.

Jim married Dorothy Jean Groenendyk, November 29, 1957, at the Tracy Christian Reformed Church. They made their home in Oskaloosa, where they raised their two children. The family enjoyed camping with family and friends, especially at the Iowa State Fair. He was a member of the original Mahaska County Sheriff’s Posse and was a long-standing member of the Good News Chapel, where he served on the church council. After Jim’s retirement, they moved to an acreage north of Oskaloosa and enjoyed several winters in Mesa, Arizona. In his later, senior years, Jim especially enjoyed taking long drives around the country and reminiscing about the past history of

Oskaloosa- it's farms, it's family's, it's land. He still had a sharp eye for assessing cattle and loved looking out his windows at the horses grazing in his pasture.

Jim's family includes his children: Mary (Dan) Major of Oskaloosa and Jeff (Kirstin) McDonough of Pentwater, MI; four grandchildren: Cody and Cortney Major and Linnea and Gannon McDonough; and a brother-in-law, Harold (Marie) Van Maanen of Pella.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy on September 3, 2011, after 53 years of marriage; an infant son, Todd Allen; three brothers: Glenn and Norman McDonough and an infant brother, Lester; and sisters: Alice Hol and Grace and Margaret as small children; five sisters-in-law: Luella VanMaanen, Iola McDonough, Hilda Groenendyk, Helen Groenendyk and Margaret Reed; and brothers-in-law: Maurice "Butch" and Ed Groenendyk.

Funeral Services for Jim will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at the Good News Chapel in Oskaloosa with Pastor Alvern Boetsma officiating. A family prayer service will precede the funeral at 10:15 a.m. in the lower level of the church. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery with Military Honors by the Oskaloosa Honor Guard. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel. The family will greet visitors from 5-7 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to The Good News Chapel. Memories and condolences can be sent to the family by visiting langkampfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
2116 N 3rd St
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
(641) 672-2181
langkampfuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.langkampfuneralchapel.com>

Family Visitation

JAN **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral

JAN **24**. 10:30 AM (CT)

The Good News Chapel
603 South H Street
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Burial

JAN 24 (CT)

Forest Cemetery
934 North 9th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
secretary@forestcemetery.com
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Jim McDonough*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



Bernice Fenton

“ *Sorry to hear about your father sending my symphy God Bless you and your family*

Bernice Fenton - January 23, 2018 at 07:31 PM



JK

“ *We were remembering all the times (Big Jim) came to Michigan to visit and he would sit and watch (sleep) all the cars go by the Dairy Queen waiting for you, Jeff, to get your work done so the two of you could head up to Manistee and hopefully have Lady Luck smile upon you!
Our Sympathy and prayers,
Russelle, Hilary, Allison and Jayne*

Jayne Knudsen - January 23, 2018 at 10:58 AM



JK

“ *Jayne Knudsen purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Jim McDonough.*



Jayne Knudsen - January 23, 2018 at 10:21 AM

DW

“ Jim was such a great guy and we so enjoyed his sense of humor. We only regret not getting to know him longer. Our thoughts and prayers to Jeff and Mary. Your Dad was a joy for us to know, if even only for a little while.

Don & Melinda Wheeler - January 23, 2018 at 09:11 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jim McDonough.



January 23, 2018 at 08:44 AM

BN

“ We Don't Call Him
"BIG JIM" for nothin!!!

Becky Netten - January 22, 2018 at 08:54 PM

BN

“ Becky Netten lit a candle in memory of Jim McDonough



Becky Netten - January 22, 2018 at 08:49 PM

CM

“ *Mary,
I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. Many thoughts and prayers
for you and your family.*
Cindy

Cindy Mott - January 22, 2018 at 12:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Jim McDonough.*



January 20, 2018 at 12:52 PM

JL

“ *Mary, Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family now and
in the days to come. 🙏 Judy & Larry Lewis*

Judy Lewis - January 20, 2018 at 10:06 AM



Tamara
Kirby-
Sparks

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families Mary and
Jeff. It's hard losing a parent, and then going through it all again
when the other goes Home. Heaven gained a wonderful man, he is
reunited with your mom, and you will cherish even more memories. I
remember going to the sale barn and seeing your dad, he seemed
like a giant walking around there in that big ole hat! RIP BIG JIM!*

Tamara Kirby-Sparks - January 20, 2018 at 08:55 AM

MD

“ Still don't think I ever beat Big Jim at 4 point pitch.He could read a person, without effort. Jim taught us youngsters how to BS. Greatful to have learned from the best!

Mark Dieleman - January 20, 2018 at 03:49 AM

Sandy Hildebrand

“ RIP Jim!



Sandy Hildebrand - January 19, 2018 at 09:05 PM

DL

“ Mary and Jeff so sorry to hear of passing of a Great Guy. Jim had a sense of humor when I cooked at the sale barn. He will be missed by so many that worked or sold livestock there. RIP Jim



Debra Scholtus Lowe - January 19, 2018 at 08:32 PM

DM

“ Oh Mary....our hearts are with you and Dan & the kids. Jim was quite the guy. We enjoyed the times that we got to sit and visit with him while camping or at ball games, etc. You were lucky to have him as a dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time of sadness.

With sympathy....Bruce, Donna, Dalton, Dylan & Dakota McBurney

Donna McBurney - January 19, 2018 at 02:55 PM

JS

My sympathy Mary

Jeff Spain - January 20, 2018 at 03:41 AM

CW

Mary, I am so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers and hugs.

Carol Wonderlich - January 20, 2018 at 09:09 PM