



## James A. McDonald Jr.

February 14, 1952 - May 7, 2021

James A. McDonald Jr., 69, died at 2:41 p.m. Friday, May 7, 2021 at his home in Alton. Born February 14, 1952 in Alton, he was the son of James A. McDonald and Pauline Spickerman. Mr. McDonald retired as a R.N. for Christian Hospital in St. Louis. He was a member of the Boy Scouts and the Free Trappers of the Piasa Territory. On October 7, 1979 he married the former Debra J. Hubbard in Alton. She survives. Also surviving is a son and daughter-in-law, James and Sylvia McDonald III of Petersburg, IL, two grandchildren, Bruce and William McDonald and a brother, Paul Spickerman of Gillespie. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of memorial service at 12:00 noon Saturday, May 15, 2021 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Reverend Paul Spickerman will officiate. Memorials may be made to Camp Warren Levis in Godfrey. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
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## Memorial Service

MAY 15. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James A. McDonald Jr.*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *James A. McDonald Jr.*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *What can I say about my best friend that other have not already said or thought. A comrad, confidedant, someone I could rely on for anything. I'll never forget the many nights sitting by the campfire. The many road trips of 2 or 3 hours that should have taken one. It is my prayer that we will meet again and go fishing where you never lose the big one.*

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**Bud** - May 10, 2021 at 08:26 PM



“ *Jim, you were a great friend. You always asked about my adventures and always made me felt welcome. We met in a very unusual way, but the universe has a way of doing that to people. You were a valued friend, confidant, and camp mate. You always made sure people had food and enough of what ever you might need. You made a huge impact in so many lives. I'll always think of you when I smoke that ol pipe, and see you down the trail*

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**jason** - May 09, 2021 at 11:59 PM



“ *It was truly an honor to work with Jim for so many years at AMH. He was a gentle loving soul. He always gave his best to his patients despite his own pain. Jim is in heaven with no more pain and enjoying the wonders of God's wilderness. My prayers are with the friends and family who are left behind to navigate their journey without him. Jim--keep a campfire burning.....until we meet again.*

*Sharon Ambrose*

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**Sharon Ambrose** - May 09, 2021 at 10:04 PM

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“ *Papa Bear, where do I begin. Thank you for being a lot of things. Thank you for letting us raid your work shop, Thank you for always giving us the friends and family discount, thank you all the wise words, thank your for raising all of us like your own, thank you for all the life lessons, thank you for this fishing tips, thank you for teaching me the importance of listening to the words spoke from a quit camp fire. I will always have a spot in my camp for you. Till we meet again*

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**Tony Croxton** - May 09, 2021 at 08:07 PM

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“ *It's time for us to let you go.*”

*He always had a great pool of jokes and humor to draw from. An incredible man who raised an incredible family. His laugh and warmth will be missed. My love to those he leaves here.*

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**Lucas** - May 09, 2021 at 06:33 PM