



James K. McDonald

September 19, 1936 - February 14, 2026

Born in Tyler, Texas on September 19, 1936, Jim passed away peacefully at home on February 14, 2026 surrounded by family and loved ones.

Jim was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, son, brother and friend to so very many. Jim served in the United States Air Force. He was an extremely proud Veteran. He met the love of his life, Joyce, while they were both serving our country. They have been married for more than 66 years. Joyce survives him at home in Stockport, NY.

In addition to his wife Joyce and dog Jax, Jim is survived by his two daughters, Lynn Clum (Jay) and Patricia Couse (Steve), and grandchildren, Jason Clum (Brigid), Jaclyn Clum Taylor (Roger), Nathan Clum (Christy), Ryan Hotaling (Courtney), Angela Hotaling Swatek (Ricky), 10 great grandchildren, and many friends.

Jim was a lifelong member of the Hudson Elk's Club #787.

He worked as a Ford Service Manager for many years. He was considered an expert in this field and eventually opened his own shop in Stockport, NY. After retiring he continued to repair cars at home for so many friends in the community.

Jim loved spending time with his wife, dog Jax, and family more than anything else in the world. Family vacations with his wife and daughters created so many lasting memories. Camping trips to Alpine Lake Campground with the grandchildren was something looked forward to. When time allowed Jim also enjoyed gardening, NASCAR, bowling, fishing and baking for friends and family. Jim was known for baking the BEST cheesecake east of the Mississippi. He had such a generous spirit.

His passing has left a big hole in so many hearts. He will never be forgotten.

Visitation hours from 4:00-6:00pm followed by prayers and Air Force Honors will be Friday February 20, 2026 at the Bates & Anderson-Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Jim can be made to The Community Hospice of Columbia/Greene.

Previous Events

Visitation Hours

FEB 20. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler
110 Green Street
Hudson, NY 12534
(518) 828-3371
<http://batesandersonredmondkeeler.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 20. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Jim was a good customer of the Barber Shop and a great friend to us. He will be missed. Our sincere sympathy to Joyce and the family.



Robert M MacGiffert Sr - February 18 at 09:08 AM

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“ Uncle James was a very good guy. I will always remember the time he spent in Oklahoma on his way to New Mexico. He loved my daughter Jacelyn so much. You outlived all your siblings and now are reunited. Give them all a big hug from all of us left behind. We will see you all again. Love you Uncle James.

Jason Tye - February 17 at 12:25 AM

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“ In memory of and in gratitude for his honorable military service. May God bless him and welcome him home. Peace be with his family and friends at this time.

Grateful Nation - February 16 at 11:03 PM