



John "Jack" McDonald

August 19, 1938 - May 13, 2022

John A McDonald (Jack), 83, of Greene, Iowa passed away peacefully on May 13, 2022, at the Anamosa Care Center. He was born on August 19, 1938, in Monticello, Iowa. Jack was the son of Cliff and Hazel McDonald of Center Junction, Iowa. He graduated from Onslow High School and shortly after found his way into the Navy as a Special Ops Sonar Technician, discovering the world on the USS Herbert J. Thomas Gearing-class destroyer. During a leave from duty, Jack met his soon-to-be budding bride, Beverly Louise Armstrong, at the 1961 Wyoming Iowa Fair & Horse Show. He returned to duty heart-struck and decided to propose to Beverly by sending an engagement ring to her in the mail. The "mail-order" couple was married the morning of February 9, 1963, at St. Anthony Church in beautiful Long Beach, California. Besides playing cards with the family, one of Jack's favorite pastimes was riding his Yamaha motorcycle around the back roads of Howard and Jones counties. He enjoyed playing baseball and basketball in high school and became a lifelong sports fan of the Chicago

Cubs and Bears.

Jack passed down his hobbies and passions by building an actual baseball field at the

farmhouse in Greene, as well as providing his kids with any number of recreation vehicles from

motorcycles, mopeds, snowmobiles, and even a horse or two.

Jack held various jobs from farming with his relatives to selling cars at the local Chevrolet

dealership in Monticello, Iowa. Jack knew that you couldn't BS a BS'er and quickly found his

niche in sales, landing lucrative jobs with companies like MoorMan's Feed and A. O. Smith

Harvestore. After the farm crisis in the 80s, Jack decided to hang out his own shingle as a

structural insulation business, insulating drying bins and home foundations.

Jack sold the

contracts, and his boys did the work.

By 1998, Jack was semi-retired and helped out part-time for a few years at the funeral home in

Greene, Iowa. After Beverly's passing in 1999, Jack continued working at the funeral home until

he fully retired in 2008.

Jack is survived by his two loving daughters and three adept sons: Shawn (Boyd) Barth of

Grand Blanc, MI; JC (Jerry) McDonald-Cunningham of Aurora, CO; Jamie (Melanie) McDonald

of Davidson, NC; Joe McDonald, Ankeny, IA; and Stacie (Joe) Breitbach of Monticello, IA; 6

grandchildren, Alysa Barth of Waterford, MI; Reanna Barth-Yarveicy of Carpentersville, IL; Trent

Barth of Big Rapids, MI; Zachery McDonald of Boston, MA; Daniel McDonald

of Boston, MA;

and Clint Breitbach of Monticello, IA.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife Beverly Louise (Armstrong) McDonald and by his

parents and siblings; father, Cliff McDonald and mother Hazel (Streets) McDonald of Center

Junction; 3 brothers, Dean McDonald of Monticello, Cecil Perkins of Cedar Rapids, and

Raymond McDonald of Center Junction; 6 sisters, Shirley Schoon of Anamosa, Glen Kilson of

Black Hawk, Esther Seehusan of Center Junction, Wanda Hammel of Keokuk, Betty Smith and

Jean Wessels of Onslow.

Services will be Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Greene, Iowa. The

gathering will be at 10:30am, and the service at 11:00am, followed by a reception at the

American Legion in Greene, Iowa from noon to 3:00pm.

Jack will be buried alongside his beloved late wife Beverly at Rose Hill Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy can make a contribution to the American Legion.

Mail check to:

PO Box 571, Greene, Iowa 50636-0571

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery - Greene

11381 Lodge Ave
Greene, IA 50636

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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Little did I know I would have two very vivid first experiences from that eventful day.

Jamie & I wanted to go shoot Jack's single shot 410 shotgun across the field at Hunk Andersons.

I was convinced the answer was going to be “No”, but, after a butcher's pound of rules, You said “Yes”.

We emptied a whole box (or two) of Winchester 410 loads at I don't even remember what, & the whole time imagining we were Bo & Luke Duke...from the Dukes of Hazzard.

The second “never happened before” event was you, Jack, hauling the McDonald “probably-not-but-looked-like-homemade” mini-bike out from the back shed for the self-proclaimed “Dukes of Hazzard Boys” to show off just how little we (actually me) knew about riding a mini-bike. I won't name names, but I will say, one of us Duke Boys landed flat on our A\$\$ about 2 seconds after hitting the gas on that two-wheeled monster. Jack, well, you just kind of chuckled & said “That's why you're wearing a helmet son, now get up & hit it again.”

I have many other fond memories of my time growing up with the McDonald Family. You & Bev always opened up your home to me, like I was family. Shawn & Stacie were always Angels, and JC, Jamie, & Joe, were always up for adventure & life changing experiences.

Jack, I will miss our chats!

Thanks for making Greene Iowa your home.

Long Live the Dukes From Hazzard Boys!

Thoughts & Prayers...MVR.



Mark Rottler - May 19, 2022 at 03:22 PM

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Mark Rottler - May 19, 2022 at 01:38 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John "Jack" McDonald.*



May 14, 2022 at 05:07 PM