



James "Jay" K. McDonough

October 10, 1956 - February 10, 2021

Exeter – James (Jay) K. McDonough, Sr., 64, of Exeter and a former longtime resident of Salem, NH, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at Exeter Hospital.

He was born in Lawrence, MA on October 10, 1956, a son of Shirley (Stevenson) McDonough of Wells, ME and the late Edward P. McDonough.

Jay graduated from Salem High School in 1974. He played hockey for Salem High and also with local men's leagues after graduation. Later in life, he was an avid golfer playing in leagues at the Breakfast Hill Golf Club in Greenland and he also played softball for the former Lupo's Restaurant team for several years. He was a skilled carpenter and owned and operated McDonough Woodworking of Salem and Seabrook for many years.

Jay had shared over 18 years with his loving companion, Jeannine Parker of Exeter. He could often be found socializing with his buddies at the North Beach Grill. Jay enjoyed traveling, watching football and spending time with his family. He was a caring father, a loving grandfather and a great friend. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

In addition to Jeannine and his mother, Shirley, James leaves his son, James McDonough Jr., and wife Kate Osterman of Woburn, MA and his daughters,

Jennifer McDonough of Londonderry and Lexie McDonough of North Hampton. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Eleanor and Palmer McDonough and Aidan Fitzgerald; his brothers, Edward McDonough and wife Pam, and David McDonough, all of Wells, ME; his nephews, Matthew and Seamus McDonough; and his nieces, Katie and Stephanie McDonough. In addition to his father, Edward, Jay was predeceased by his nephew, Patrick McDonough.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date. Please check back. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute (<https://www.dana-farber.org/>) P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168

Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jay" K. McDonough*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Jeannine - Mark and I were so sorry to hear about Jay's passing. He will truly be missed. We will always cherish the great memories of golfing with Jay. All our sympathy and prayers to you and his family. Love, Mark and Maureen*

Maureen Russell - February 27, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ *Jay, a gentleman and friend to all... your family at North Beach will forever remember you. Our condolences to the family, thank you for sharing Jay with us. He was ever so spectacular. Staff at North Beach Bar and Grill...*



Daniel Favreau - February 19, 2021 at 11:14 PM



“ *I've known Jay for 20 plus years, He was a great guy, great sense of humor and the seacoast won't be the same without him, my condolences to Jeannine and Lexie and the rest of his family. I hope they play Rock and Roll up there Jay. Joe Ramer*

Joe Ramer - February 17, 2021 at 11:32 PM

PC

“ I was devastated to hear this. I've known Jay for decades. He was a fine man with a great smile who was gracious and kind to all. A true gentleman. You are sorely missed, my old friend. Fair winds and calm seas,,,

Pat Collins - February 17, 2021 at 09:15 PM

DL

“ My prayers are with his family. I will cherish my memories of Jay. Rest In Peace my friend.



Dianne Law - February 17, 2021 at 08:29 PM

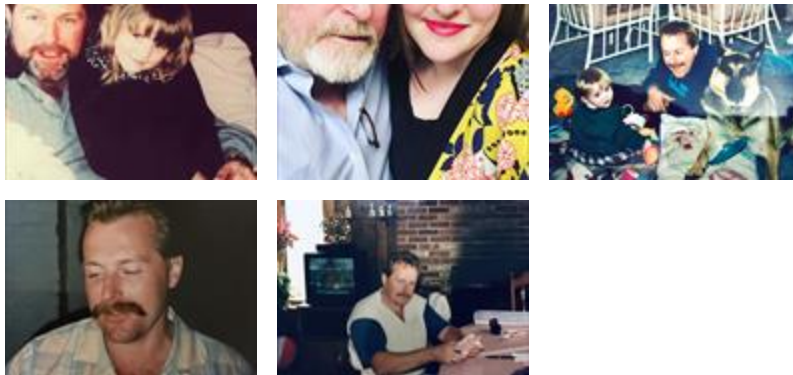
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Sherri Vail - February 16, 2021 at 12:43 PM

LM

“ I love you and I miss you, Dad. You will always be in my heart ❤️



Lexie McDonough - February 15, 2021 at 06:41 PM

SA

“ I met Jay way back, I was very young and he was a nice guy, I got the chance to meet him from a relative. His daughter Lexi was on her way then ready to born shortly after. She is now in her 20s and a very nice girl! She shared some good stories of her father with me before and loved her father very much! He meant a lot to her and there family.

Sara - February 15, 2021 at 01:59 PM

MD

“ Jay will be missed. We spent many a Friday afternoon at North Beach Bar and Grill having a few drinks and telling stories. We actually got him to the beach one time when we celebrated Janine's birthday. He also loved to come to our Christmas parties and would always plant himself at the best seat in the house. We had some wonderful times.

Matt Duguid - February 15, 2021 at 09:30 AM

SA

I met Jay way back from a relative of mine, I was young but he was a very nice man! His daughter Lexi is a very nice person who shared stories with me on what a good father she had and loved so much!

Sara - February 15, 2021 at 12:24 PM

MC

Jeanine- Ray and I are so sorry to hear that Jay has lost his fight. He was such a nice man. He always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. Rest in peace my friend.

Ray and MJ Coutu

Mary Jane Coutu - February 17, 2021 at 09:37 AM

KR

Sending the family love and my sincerest condolences.

Kelley Rowe - February 17, 2021 at 01:33 PM

EV

Had such wonderful memories spending time at the beach house when Lexie was younger, he also was a good cook. Very sorry to hear of his passing. Eleanor vail

Eleanor Vail - February 18, 2021 at 01:50 PM