



James A. MacDonald

January 7, 1946 - October 20, 2016

Hampton - James Allen MacDonald, 70, died peacefully, surrounded by his loving and caring family, on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at the Merrimack Valley Hospice House in Haverhill, MA after a 38 year struggle with multiple sclerosis. He was born in Gloucester, MA on January 7, 1946 and was the son of Carmen S. (Paynotta) MacDonald of Danvers, MA and late Neil MacDonald.

He graduated from Gloucester High in 1963 and went on to earn an A.S. in Nuclear Engineering from Wentworth Institute; a B.S. in Nuclear Engineering from Lowell Technological Institute and an M.S. in Radiological Health from the Harvard School of Public Health. Jim had worked at the Seabrook Station for many years and was a faithful communicant of St. Elizabeth's Church at Seabrook Beach. Jim lived in Hampton with his adopted family, Susanna, Mike, and Michael Dunbar and he will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 12 pm on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, 1 Lowell St., Seabrook Beach, NH 03974. Friends and associates are respectfully invited. Burial will be private. If desired, donations may be made in Jim's and his four-legged guardian, Menlo's, name, and mailed to the New Hampshire SPCA, PO Box 196, Stratham, NH 03885 or made online at www.nhspca.org/honor-giving/.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

OCT **29**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Church
1 Lowell Street
Seabrook Beach, NH 03874

Tribute Wall



“ *James A. MacDonald*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Had the pleasure to work with Jim from 1972 to 1977 at Yankee Atomic Electric Company's Corporate Environmental Engineering Group. He was super sharp technically, organized and able to analyze any Problem, and had a great sense of humor with a laugh I can clearly remember. He also played a ruthless game of "Hearts" during lunch in games with Pete Littlefield, And others. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

Stewart Farber - January 01, 2017 at 11:27 PM



“ *Wish I knew about Jims passing... He was a great friend and we worked together for many years at Seabrook Station. Tough as nails and soft as a buttercup, I will miss you, but I know I have a new Angel watching over me.*

Linda Bloom

Linda Bloom - December 10, 2016 at 11:16 AM

JM

“ Jim and I were in the same Nuclear Engineering class at Wentworth and we shared an apartment with a couple of other guys in our second year. I never had contact with him after Wentworth. I was hoping he might be there for the Wentworth 50th reunion Blackened Gold last year (2015). Condolences to the family . RIP Jim.

John Merrill NET '65

John Merrill - October 31, 2016 at 09:18 AM

LB


“ Sue, Mike and Michael,

We will miss Jim. He was such a wonderful example of strength and courage to us. We never heard him complain or say "why me". You now have a great guardian angel watching over your family. Lance and I will keep you in our prayers.

Love,

Lance and Bonnie

Lance and Bonnie - October 24, 2016 at 09:59 PM

 Tracy
Burke

“ Tracy Burke lit a candle in memory of James
A. MacDonald



Tracy Burke - October 23, 2016 at 08:17 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of James A. MacDonald.*



October 23, 2016 at 04:30 PM



“ *I first met Jim in 1979 when he participated in my employment interview for Seabrook Station. He was one nice, sharp dude. I had the unfortunite observation of his slow progressiion from an apparent healthy guy to real trooper fighting hard against the life threatening stages of MS. He was always just one of a number of poker players that got together for some laughter and money making. He was good. Remarkably, I was told in 2002 I had MS as well. I know Jim stayed working at the 'brook until his retirement. I called Jim to inform him of my MS diagnosis, and the next day he called me at work and demanded I get out of work on disability! I took his advice, so to speak, and in less than I year, my form of MS had rapidly destroyed my life and I was placed on LTD by Florida P & L. His advice was the best I had ever received. I stayed "employed" thanks to Jim until my 65th birthday this year. What a fighter he was. But he's in good hands now, probably with a pair of Konks, his term for Kings, in his hand. God Bless you Jim..*

Stephen Dodge - October 21, 2016 at 04:38 PM

DP

“ I had the honor of meeting Jim through a mutual friend and had gone to a air show which was blast he sure will be missed



Duane Piirainen - October 21, 2016 at 07:51 AM