



## James William McDonald

December 25, 1965 - September 9, 2024

Forever in Our Hearts James (Jim) William McDonald completed his Earthly journey on September 9, 2024, after over a year-long battle with Glioblastoma brain cancer. He passed away peacefully in his home in Blaine, Minnesota with his devoted wife, Sheryl (Sherry) McDonald (Waite), by his side.

Jim was born on December 25, 1965, to his parents, Robert (Bob) McDonald and Patricia (Pat) McDonald (Rye). From a young age Jim had a strong desire to work, evident at 12 years old, when he took up a paper route. Then while in high school, Jim worked at Burger King. During his summer between junior and senior years, he joined the Army Reserves and went to boot camp. After graduating high school, he was sent to an Army training school where he was trained to work on tanks. He then was assigned to the reserves located in Arden Hills, where he completed his 6-year obligation. Jim went on to college and graduated with a degree in accounting. He worked his way to becoming a General Manager for many different hotels within the Wheelhouse Group. He was dedicated to his work and a loyal employee, staying with this same company for over 20 years.

Jim loved his work, but more than that he loved his family. He embodied everything someone could ever want in a father and husband. He was consistent, dependable, reliable, and selfless. He was a mentor and advisor to many, but especially to his children, always there with a word of advice, and full of patience and kindness. In good times and in bad, we could always count on him to be there. He loved strongly, honestly, and unconditionally.

Jim's memory will be cherished by his wife Sherry, father Bob, brothers Michael (Karen) and William, step-siblings Andy (Debi) Bowe and Molly (Bryan) Kruelle, his children Jeff (Ashely) and Kevin, step-children Toni (Tim) , Melissa (John), Jimmy, and Justin (Kori), his seven grandchildren, and many other family and friends.

He was greeted in death by his grandfather and namesake James McDonald, his mother Pat, his step-mother Judith Nowell McDonald, and his older brother Robert (Bobby) Torfin.

A celebration of life for family and friends will be held at Washburn-McReavy Community Room 2610 19th Ave. N.E. , Minneapolis, Minnesota 55418, on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 1:00-3:00.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

OCT **12**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Hillside Chapel  
2610 19th Avenue N.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jason planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James William McDonald.

Jason - October 11, 2024 at 02:34 PM

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“ Jason purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James William McDonald.



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