



Harold Benjamin McDonough

March 29, 1935 - December 22, 2015

Harold B. McDonough, age 80, of Evansville, formerly of DeSoto passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at Agrace Center for Hospice & Palliative Care in Janesville, WI. He was born on March 29, 1935 at Little Willow, Richland County, the son of Gordon & Myrtle (Denman) McDonough. On June 23, 1956 he married Judith G. Lisney at Peace United Methodist Church in Richland Center.

Harold served in the Army National Guard from 1954 to 1963. He worked over 39 years at General Motors in Janesville.

Harold was a member of the Evansville United Methodist Church, where he had served as Chairman of the Finance Committee and of the Administrative Board. Then later attended the New Hope United Methodist Church and was active there and enjoyed his church family there.

After retirement, he and Judy moved to DeSoto, WI and enjoyed the beautiful area and sharing the Mississippi River activities with their friends and loving extended family. They recently returned to the Evansville area.

Harold's two proudest accomplishments were of his loving family and his Masonic activities. Harold was honored to be coroneted a 33rd *(degree) Mason in 1997, after serving many Masonic offices within Madison Scottish Rite. Janesville Star Lodge No. 14, Union Lodge No. 32 in Evansville, the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and the Richland Lodge No. 66. He was also a member of the Evansville Chapter No. 35, Royal Arch Mason; Gebal Counsel No. 2, Royal and Select Masters: Janesville Commandry No. 2, Knights Templar. He was officer in the four York Rite Bodies and was the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Wisconsin in 2000. He also was a member of the Zor Shrine: Crown' Cork Council No. 44, Knight Masons; Wisconsin Priory No. 16, Knights of the York Cross of Honour; the Tall Cedars of Lebanon; the Sword of Bunker Hill; Wisconsin York Rite Association and the South West Wisconsin York Rite Association; He had served many of the listed Masonic organizations as the presiding officer. The 172nd Reunion Class was named in his honor in October of 2006.

Survivors include his wife Judith McDonough of Evansville; 5 children, Rick (Jaci)

McDonough of Janesville, Robin Gorman of Evansville, Terri (Doug) Williams of Evansville, Tina (Ron) Thornton of Albany, Michael (Karen) McDonough of Evansville; 11 grandchildren, Ashley (Shawn) Cline of Janesville, Jason McDonough and Dillon McDonough both of Janesville, Ryan (Morgan) Gorman of Evansville, Amber (Erik) Daffron of Madison, Aleah Schroeder (fiancé Brody) of Madison, Parker Williams and Jayden Williams both of Evansville, Emily Thornton of Waukesha, Tess Thornton of Albany, Zach McDonough of Evansville; 6 step grandchildren, Aaron, Jennifer, Michael, Jessi, Lacy, Kelsea; 9 great grandchildren; a brother, James (June) McDonough of Richmond, Virginia; a sister, Ruth Rut of Muscoda; sisters-in-law, Nancy Phetteplace of Avoca and Shirley Harris of Evansville; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Myrtle McDonough; father & step-mother, Gordon (Helen) McDonough; a brother, Gordon (Judy) McDonough Jr.; 2 sisters, Betty Dieter, Loretta Skinner; 3 brothers-in-law, Joseph Rut, Joseph Phetteplace, and Gene Harris.

Funeral Services will be held at Noon on Monday, December 28, 2015 at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center with Pastor Alice Richards officiating. Immediately following the funeral service at Noon there will be a Masonic Service held by the Richland Lodge # 66. Burial will be held at a later date. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until the time of service at Noon on Monday, December 28, 2015 at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home.

The family would like to thank his many angels at Meriter, UW Hospital, Dr. Runo, Dr. Harkin, his hospice caretakers and his special Niece Jennifer Dieter who also helped many days with home care. Memorials may be given to the Evansville United Methodist Church or Agrace Hospice Care in Janesville. On line condolences can be made at www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Clary Memorial Funeral & Cremation Service, LLC
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Funeral Service

DEC 28. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Masonic Service

DEC 28. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BM

“ *My condolences to the McDonough family at this time of loss. It truly breaks our hearts when death separates us from the ones we love. Be assured that God sees your pain and sorrow. May the God of all comfort supply you the strength needed now and in the days ahead. (Isaiah 12:2) Reflect often on al your happy memories and may they bring you a measure of peace.*

Beatrice Mitchell - January 01, 2016 at 10:04 PM

BD

“ *Sorry for your families loss.*

The members of Milton Masonic Lodge #161

Brian Duoss - December 28, 2015 at 08:05 AM

BO

“ *Robin, sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts extended to you and your family. Berta Ostrander*

Berta Ostrander - December 28, 2015 at 07:54 AM

RG

Thank-you Berta.

Robin Gorman - January 04, 2016 at 04:48 PM

ND

“ *"Get in the car!"*

Love you Uncle Harold

Love Tash

Natasha Dieter - December 27, 2015 at 07:45 PM

RG

That what he was known for Tash, lol!

Robin Gorman - January 04, 2016 at 04:49 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Harold Benjamin McDonough.*



December 27, 2015 at 05:15 PM



“ *Jane & Kenny, Donna & Josh, Brenda & Jamie and Mike purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Harold Benjamin McDonough.*



Jane & Kenny, Donna & Josh, Brenda & Jamie and Mike - December 26, 2015 at 03:20 PM



“ *Rick and Sharlene Heacox purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Harold Benjamin McDonough.*



Rick and Sharlene Heacox - December 26, 2015 at 12:28 PM



“ *173 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Clary Memorial Funeral Home - December 26, 2015 at 11:36 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Harold Benjamin McDonough.*



December 24, 2015 at 03:52 PM

AF

“ *Andrea and Jay Sigg and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Harold Benjamin McDonough.*



Andrea and Jay Sigg and Family - December 24, 2015 at 01:23 PM

SM

“ *Mike, and your whole family, we are sorry for your loss and have you in our thoughts and prayers. Scott & Lynae McElroy*

scott mcelroy - December 24, 2015 at 11:54 AM

FF

“ *From The Knetter Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Harold Benjamin McDonough.*



From The Knetter Family - December 24, 2015 at 11:24 AM

JM

“ *Judy
So sorry to hear of Harold's passing I always think of him on Packer Sunday. My thoughts and prayers to you and your family at this difficult time. Love Jill Mitchell*

Jill Mitchell - December 23, 2015 at 08:00 PM

TS

“ *The Schneeberger Family ~ Sally, Sandy, Stacy, Steve purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Harold Benjamin McDonough.*



The Schneeberger Family ~ Sally, Sandy, Stacy, Steve - December 23, 2015 at 04:44 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harold Benjamin McDonough.*



December 23, 2015 at 01:27 PM

PS

“ *Wonderful memories of Harold at the New Hope UMC ,who served on many committees with members of the church. Our hearts are saddened by your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you*



Phyllis Skarda - December 23, 2015 at 12:57 PM

JH

What wonderful memories of a wonderful man. Prayers to your family, Judy.

Joyce Hunter - December 23, 2015 at 01:13 PM

RL

*Prayers to Harold's family from Pastor Marlene Lake. He was a wonderful man. I'm saddened by your loss and all of us who knew and honored him.
Rev. Marlene Lake*

RevMarlene Lake - December 23, 2015 at 01:37 PM

MF

Our sympathy to Judy and Family. Harold was one of my best friends in high school. A few fishing trips and Ag class field trips He was a lot of fun to be with. The best to his family from mike & Sharon Frye

Mike Frye - December 25, 2015 at 10:19 AM



“ 70 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Clary Memorial Funeral Home - December 23, 2015 at 09:48 AM

NO

So many wonderful pictures. What a great trip down memory lane. Uncle Harold was a blessed man to have such a wonderful family. He will be missed and remembered by so many. Peace and Love, Novella & Gary Cummings

novella - December 23, 2015 at 05:49 PM



“ 68 files added to the album *Family*



Clary Memorial Funeral Home - December 23, 2015 at 09:38 AM



“ 2 files added to the album *Harold*



Clary Memorial Funeral Home - December 22, 2015 at 05:50 PM