



John "Jack" McDonald

February 15, 1925 - January 23, 2012

John J. "Jack" McDonald, 86, of Southington, widower of Elizabeth Haggerty McDonald, passed away Monday January 23, 2012 at the Hospital of Central CT in New Britain. Born in New Milford, John lived in Bristol and Farmington before moving to the Southington/Plantsville area in 1998. He graduated from The Warren G. Harding High School in Bridgeport, Class of 1943, and served with the US Navy during WWII and the Korea Conflict. Jack was the owner of The Tobacco Pipe Shop which became McDonald's Variety Store in "The Exchange" in Farmington for 25 years, retiring in 1998. Prior to that, he was employed by Sears-Roebuck for 18 years. He was a member of St. Thomas Church in Southington.

Jack was known as "Pop" to his family and was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and was much loved by all whom knew him. Jack's strong sense of family, integrity, positive attitude, service to others and sense of humor will be greatly missed.

Surviving is a son Richard McDonald and his wife Annie of Bristol; four daughters, Diane Reder and her husband Stephen of Grantham, NH; Laura Bagnall and her husband Michael of Bristol; Marian McDonald of Southington; and Deborah McDonald and her partner Brian Portnick of Seattle, WA; four brothers, James McDonald of Stratford; Francis McDonald and his wife Maureen of Idaho; Walter McDonald and his wife Sherry of Rockland, CA; and William McDonald and his wife Susan of Stratford; a sister, Margaret Mason and her husband Edward of Alamo, CA; seven grandchildren, Michael and Brian McDonald; Abby DiBattista; and Katie Schoeler; Jeremy Oskandy; Danielle Oskandy and her partner Jude Louis; Marc Oskandy and his wife Jaclyn;; five great grandchildren; Riley, Chloe, Brayden, Kiara and Haley; many nieces and nephews. Besides his wife Elizabeth, Jack was predeceased by a grandson, Eric Oskandy as well as a brother and four sisters.

Funeral services are private. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Scleroderma Foundation, 300 Rosewood Drive, Suite 105, Danvers, MA 01923 or to the Best Buddies for Autism, 28 Washington Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473.

Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "ADD CONDOLENCES" at the bottom of this page.

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Uncle Jack was a wonderful man and a great uncle. I will miss him.*
Chris

Chris & Jerri Mason - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *Dad always came to mind when I remembered the words of St Thomas of Assisi:
"When we die, we leave behind all that we have, and take with us all that we are"
. Dad sure had alot to take with him!! I love you DAD, Laura*

Laura - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *My brother, Jack, was a very "Special" person. He cared a great deal about his family, religion, country and friends. He was a very proud veteran of both World War II and the Korean Conflict and loved to wear his cap with various decorations on it. We became much closer as adults and managed to keep in touch even with 3,000 miles between us. I will miss being able to pick up the phone and share the good feeling of knowing he was there, if I needed a friend/brother to talk to. Jack had very strong beliefs about how life should be lived and was never willing to change any of them, even as our society tended to have a downward spiral. He was a very "tough act" to follow. I will always cherish having had him in my life.*

Margaret McDonald Mason - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *To my dear in-laws and spouse, I wish to express how deeply sorry I am about "Dads" passing Monday and was glad I was with you all to usher him on to the next act. I know your Mom, Bessie and the rest of the clan were there to escort him to that wonderful place we all hope to go. He is and will be missed. Love
Michael Bagnall*

Michael Bagnall - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Steve & Diane,

I am so sorry for the loss of your father. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

With Deepest Sympathy,

Liz Hoffman

Liz Hoffman - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM