



## James McDonald

August 12, 1951 - June 10, 2023

James Eric "Rick" McDonald, 71, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri passed away peacefully in the arms of his family on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at Southeast Missouri Hospital.

He was born August 12, 1951 in Kennett, Missouri to James and Juanita Phillips McDonald.

He and Donna Heaton McDonald were married on August 12, 1972 in Cape Girardeau. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Busch Stadium and enjoyed a Cardinals win with their girls.

Rick owned and operated McDonald Construction Company, where he was the contractor and draftsman. He owned and operated MACO Motor with his father, and was also an art teacher at Scott City grades K-12 for five years. He was a member of the Cape Girardeau Elks 639 and helped build the softball field that still remains.

He coached basketball and softball for all three of his girls. He played and then coached Kohfeld slow pitch softball for many years. Rick loved to hunt, fish, golf, and was a Cardinals fan but his greatest love was his girls.

Rick received the Impact Award for USA softball in 2019, Lifetime

Achievement Award from the Parks and Rec Board and the Cape Noon Optimist Club in 2016. He served as the commissioner of the Cape Girardeau Girls Softball League.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Heaton McDonald of Cape Girardeau; three daughters, Erica (Rusty) Morgan of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Jessica (Jonathan) Compas of Cape Girardeau, Missouri and Megan (Timothy) Mayhall of Blodgett, Missouri; two sisters, Kathy (Wayne) Heise of Jackson, Missouri and Brenda (Larry) Schloss of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; six grandchildren, Dakota Morgan of Doniphan, Missouri, Aubrey Cissell of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Sawyer Morgan of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Wyatt Mayhall of Blodgett, Missouri, Henry Compas of Cape Girardeau, Missouri and Grady Mayhall of Blodgett, Missouri.

Come celebrate the life of James "Rick" McDonald on Friday, June 23, 2023 at the Elks Lake House (639 Elk Ln, Cape Girardeau), any time from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Please stop by whenever you have time, and stay as long as you like. Rick loved his family and friends, so please join us to honor him when you can. There will be a short softball game for guests to join in honor of Rick's love for the game at 5:30; followed by a dedication at 7:00 pm.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



Kathy  
Snyder

“ I was a student at Scott City Elementary when Mr McDonald was the art teacher there. He was such a sweet kind man. He made this little girl feel special by complimenting my drawings and always being kind. I have always held fond memories of him and remembered him fondly. I know I am not the only student who remembers his kindness and sweet demeanor for all these years. His family will be in my prayers.

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**Kathy Snyder** - June 14, 2023 at 09:33 AM



MM

“ So sorry about Mr. McDonald's passing. I covered countless of his girls' softball games over the years while working at the Southeast Missourian and he always greeted me with a big smile and a hearty handshake. In a broader sense, I know he did so much for softball in the area throughout the years. My sincere condolences to the entire family.

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**Marty Mishow** - June 14, 2023 at 08:13 AM



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“ Mr Softball! I had the privilege of coaching his daughter Mac an spending time with this wonderful family. In a Fall game I was a short 1 umpire an in second inning Rick appeared on the field. He came to watch but went home put on his blues an there he was! Sending my deepest condolences

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**Lana Flynn-Richmond** - June 13, 2023 at 09:52 PM

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“ Donna, I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort for you and your family.

*Cara Chapman Sprigg*

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**Cara Sprigg** - June 13, 2023 at 08:30 AM

SO

“ I am so sad and sorry to hear of Rick's passing. He went to Cape Central High school with me, here in Cape. He was such a great guy. Will be keeping all of his family in my prayers.....



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**Susie Pickett O'Connell** - June 12, 2023 at 11:23 PM