



## Mr. James K. MacDonald

March 15, 1920 - February 16, 2015

Mr. James K. MacDonald 94, of 107 Edward Ave . died Monday February 16, 2015 at the

Berkshire Medical Center.

Born in New Haven, Ct. on March 15, 1920 he was the son of the late Arthur J. and Anna V.

Clifford MacDonald. Upon their death he became a ward of the State of Connecticut at the age of 8, and was

consigned to the Children's Home in New Haven. When he was 12 years old, he along with his

brother Thomas, were sent to live with a foster family In Norwich, CT. where he remained until he

was Eighteen. He graduated from Norwich Academy in 1938. He played basketball and football.

Immediately following the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 he enlisted in the U.S. Army.

He served in India and Burma as a cryptographer in the battle of Cambria, and was discharged in

1946. He settled in Pittsfield where he married the former Mary B. Kelly on June 19, 1948.

Jim was employed for many years by the NY-New Haven Railroad until it was bought by

the NY Central Railroad. He later became employed at the former Fahey Beverage Co. in their

sales dept.

Jim will be remembered as a familiar figure at tag sales around the county for the past 30 years.

He loved music, cooking, and watching football. James and his wife Mary loved being the home

their children friends and neighbors would gather. Their home was open to anyone in need.

His wife the former Mary B. Kelly died May 20, 1993.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, a member of its Holy Name Society and a past

Scoutmaster of Pack 20.

He is survived by his daughter Patricia Ann (Paul) Duma, of Pittsfield, and three sons, James T.

MacDonald, of Pittsfield, Robert J. (Shirley Sylvia) MacDonald of Dalton, MA and John P. (Colleen

Mahoney ) MacDonald of Pittsfield.

He also leaves to mourn his passing his six grandchildren Kimberly Shepardson, Thomas

Shepardson, Kelly Bellefontaine, Kate Henderson, Marielle MacDonald and Christopher

MacDonald.

His beloved great grandchildren, Nicholas Scialdone, Alexis and Lily Shepardson, Brenna & Jack

Bellefontaine, Maeve Henderson, and Patrick and Kevin Konefal.

Jim also leaves his special niece Lois Hunt Lancia of Cheshire.

He was pre-deceased by his wife Mary in 1993, a brother Thomas MacDonald and his sister

Shirley Hunt, also by his loving foster sister Helen Anderson and his beloved grandson

Michael B. MacDonald who died Sept. 16, 2006.

## FUNERAL NOTICE

A private funeral service for Mr. James K. MacDonald will take place at the Dwyer Funeral Home. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Michael B. MacDonald Baseball Scholarship Fund, care of the DWYER FUNERAL HOME 776 North St. Pittsfield, MA 01201, in his memory. The scholarship is given in memory of his late grandson Michael MacDonald. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ONLINE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Jim and brothers and sister  
Your dad was really a class act and always a joy to be around growing up in the Elm Street area. He always had an encouraging word or a question or concern about what I was doing whenever I was with him.. I'm sure those fond memories will help carry you through the tough times.*

*Jeff Ciuffreda*

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**jeff ciuffreda** - April 24, 2015 at 01:47 PM

DH

“ *Dear Pat, Bob, Jim and Jack,  
My mom and I were so saddened to hear of your dad's passing. He was such a generous and wonderful man. We all loved your dad, including my children. When I lost Tim your dad was right there, offering his love and support. You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this very sad time. My mom and I are here and if you need anything please let us know. You dad will truly be missed by all. Prayers, thoughts and much love,  
Elaine Kearns and Debbie Harrngton*

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**Debbie Harrington** - February 19, 2015 at 07:35 PM

TC

“ *Mr. MacDonald, one of the greats of Edward Ave. I remember nothing but positive interactions. He was nice to all the neighborhood kids. Even a dirty, scraggly kid like me. He was always kind and encouraging. He enjoyed watching his sons play sports, but he seemed to keep sports in perspective. Many happy memories of a great guy. He and Mary raised four great people. Rest in Peace, Mr. Mac.*  
*Tim Connolly*

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**Tim Connolly** - February 19, 2015 at 07:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. James K. MacDonald.*



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February 19, 2015 at 06:03 PM

MM

“ *Dear Pat, Bobby, Jimmy and Jack,*  
*I was so sad to read of your father's passing. I got to visit him several times in recent years and we shared lots of stories from the past.*  
*I have fond memories of our yearly stop at your house on Christmas Eve afternoons.*  
*If I remember the story correctly, my mom introduced your parents...a match made in heaven! My mom loved them both so much.*  
*My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*  
*Love,*  
*Marg Morrison*

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**Marg Morrison** - February 19, 2015 at 08:57 AM

KB

“ We love you Papa! Thank you for everything that you have taught us and for loving us...you are an amazing person and we are all better off for having you in our lives...love,  
Kelly, Brenna, Jack, and Rick

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**Kelly MacDonald Bellefontaine** - February 18, 2015 at 07:09 PM