



Larry J. McDonald

March 3, 1947 - April 8, 2015

Larry J. McDonald, 68, of Bourbonnais passed away suddenly while working on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 8, 2015. He was born on March 3, 1947 in Joliet to Leo F. and Rose M. (nee Halloran) McDonald. Larry married Candy Harn on November 12, 1966 in Martinton.

Larry retired from Rudolf Trucking after over 30 years on the road. He and his wife, Candy, owned and operated Harvest Time Farm and Complete Lawn Care, both located in Bourbonnais, Illinois. Larry was a member of Maternity BVM Church, National Guard of Indiana and Teamsters Local 705.

He survived 48 years of marriage to Candy. He is survived by one son Chip and Maria

McDonald of Phoenix, Arizona; five daughters Dawn and Joe Caraway of Cave Creek, Arizona,

Heather and Wade Taylor of Phoenix, Arizona, Holleigh McDonald of Virden, Illinois, Courtney

"Cork" and Michael Howe of Bourbonnais, Illinois and Ashleigh and Eric Kukulka of Queen

Creek, Arizona; two sisters Rosalee Frink of Florida and Linda and Steve

Kuntz of Tenino,
Washington; his mother Rose Marie Schmidt of Tenino, Washington; and nine grandchildren

Wilson, Anna and Lewis "Lewie" Taylor, Ryleigh Pangle, Tristan, Ashton and Colin Howe and

Peighton and Elleigh Kukulka. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and his fourlegged "girls" Gypsy and Sammi.

He was preceded in death by his father, one sister, Mary McDonald, and two brothers, John

McDonald and David McDonald.

Larry was passionately dedicated to his family and his work. He was proud beyond words of his

six children. The son of a farmer, he immensely enjoyed his "temporary" career as an over-the road truck driver while he looked for his own little patch of land to farm, all while building a

successful lawn care business with his family. His customers meant the world to him. His reward

for a year of hard work was the annual family vacation at the lake in

Wisconsin. He was a lover

of life. He enjoyed a cold beer (or two) after a hard day's work. Those who knew him will never

forget his laugh and the crinkles around his eyes. When sharing a joke, he often messed up the

punch line which made it even funnier. He took joy in small, everyday things.

He was a

perpetual optimist, always looking forward to a new season and finding the bright side in a bad

situation. He never held a grudge. He was a kind and pure-hearted friend to many. He was a

selfless person and saw something good in everyone. He never knew a stranger and often

made personal sacrifices to help others. He will never, ever be forgotten and will be missed every day.

A visitation will be held Friday evening May 1st from 4 - 7 pm at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral

Home at 295 Main Street NW, Bourbonnais, Illinois.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 12 pm on Saturday, May 2nd at Maternity BVM Church in Bourbonnais, IL.

The family requests no flowers please.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Celebration of Life

MAY 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

DU

“ Larry was a good man, a man of his word, a man you could count on. His family is still heart broken to this day. Let us pray "Lord please give strength and comfort to those who do not understand your plan, please forgive us of or sins, I ask you to see their broken hearts and shine your light on their lives "In Jesus name" Amen We Love You.

The Dubys

Duby's - March 18, 2018 at 12:09 AM

RM

“ Candy and Family, you have our sincere sympathy for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers..... Rick and Mary McCutchan

rick and mary mccutchan - May 04, 2015 at 10:00 AM

PR

“ My sincere condolences to Larry's family. I knew Larry from working at Rudolf Express for 15 years and also through his daughter Holly. He was always smiling and always a kind word. He will be missed!!

Pam Randles

Pam Randles - April 20, 2015 at 03:27 PM

LM

“ I wish to extend my sincere condolences to Larry's family. I worked with Larry at Rudolf Express. Larry always seemed happy regardless of what was happening. Larry was a hard worker who never seemed to get upset and was always calm.



LARRY MCINTYRE - April 19, 2015 at 06:32 AM

CH

“ I feel I need to express how much my father meant to me . My father wasn't just a father but my very best friend. I was the only one left out of six kids still living her. I loved making my dad happy . He would always express how proud he was of me and even at 37 I still loved those words "see cork you can do it" . I loved our long talks sitting on our bench right outside our shop after a hard days work. I overheard him one day say to my aunt "I don't know about cork but she is my best friend " That meant so very much to me. I'll always love you dad ! To the moon and back❤️

courtney howe - April 17, 2015 at 05:56 PM

AW

“ we were very sadden by news about larry, I worked with him at Rudolf , we spent numerous hours talking on the road and having meals together, always with a smile on his face, that's how I will always remember larry. andy and jane westerhoff

andy westerhoff - April 16, 2015 at 02:09 PM

LN

“ Candy and family.....our deepest sympathy on the loss of Larry. What a very special guy! He will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him. Please know how very much your " long time" friends care .

*Sincerely
Jerry and Lori Naese*

lori naese - April 16, 2015 at 01:04 PM



“ Circle of Love Tear Bottle with Mini Dome was purchased for the family of Larry J. McDonald.



April 15, 2015 at 11:56 PM

LW

“ Larry was a strong, loving, hard working family man, with a love of life, hope, and helping anyone who needed help. I consider myself blessed to have known him. He has been a blessing to my family and I will always remember when going over to see the kids he'd be in the shop or the field always working there or lawn care, but we would always wave at one another and he would ask me how things were going, and about the rest of the family. He loved having Mike and Court work with him, and having the cowboys at Harvest time. He will always be around the farm somewhere, his spirit will live on. God bless you all.

Lana and Tim Wegner

Lana Wegner - April 15, 2015 at 10:34 PM

AK

“ Larry was such a nice guy. I always look forward to going to Harvest Time in the Fall to buy our fall decorations. Larry was always there to help with a smile. He used to deliver everything we had purchased, even on a Sunday. He was a hard working, friendly guy. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this time. Annie Kidd

Annie Kidd - April 15, 2015 at 11:59 AM

JG

“ Larry meant a great deal to me and to my family. He always had so much going on, yet, anytime I was at the house, he would ALWAYS take a moment to stop in and say "Hi Julie, how are you doing, how are the boys doing?" At every cookout he was there, sharing his stories and listening to our stories. He knew my boys from babies, and at our last gathering told me how impressed he was at the fine young men they had grown into, and that I had done such a good job with them! What a great compliment from a great man! Every time I pull into my brother's driveway, I will think of Larry, because that's where he always was, and I think that's where he will always be, taking care of his his farm and family. Thank you Larry for being a part of our lives! We love you and we will miss you!

Julie Graham - April 14, 2015 at 01:36 AM

TW

“ I worked with Larry for 27 yrs. He was a good friend and nice guy. We will certainly miss him.
Terry Wagner

Terry Wagner - April 13, 2015 at 08:04 PM

AW

“ I worked with Larry at Rudolf . I always enjoyed a meal and conversation with him as we traveled together. I want you to know how sorry I am for your loss and send you my Deepest Sympathy.

Andy Westerhoff

Andy Westerhoff - April 13, 2015 at 12:21 PM

LA

“ I have great memories of Larry, my son Rob worked for Larry and liked and respected him he helped Rob to have good work habits, which he has to this day.

The best memory was Joe and Dawn's wedding watching as best man for Joes really made you understand how much Larry met to Joe.

This man was very loved by his whole family and will be miss by all. My most sincere sympathy.

Leah and Dennis Askew

Leah Askew - April 12, 2015 at 05:31 PM

CD

“ My Son Logan Brady had gotten to be pretty good friends with Larry in the past year. My son is just getting big with his own Lawn care and Snow Removal business and Larry had helped him a lot with his knowledge. for that I am so grateful for Larry's friendship with my son. Logan is very upset with this sad news and I wanted you all to know what an awesome man your husband,dad,grandpa is. And how he had a great impact on my Son's life and im sure many others.

God Bless you all at this very difficult time.

Carrie Demarah

Carrie Demarah - April 12, 2015 at 03:37 PM

CH

Thank you Carrie . You've know my dad since we were in kindergarten at mbvm. He would love your kind words .

courtney howe - April 17, 2015 at 11:34 PM

TS

sad to hear of Larry passing. I delivered your mail when all the kids were little. always enjoyed talking to him. We would tell stories about our kids. Always saw him around town working and always say hello. not enough people in the world like him. Tom Simmons

tommy simmons - April 18, 2015 at 10:48 AM