



## James "Bob" D. O'Donnell

February 7, 1929 - January 30, 2019

James "Bob" D. O'Donnell, 89, of Mason City, passed away Wednesday (January 30, 2019) at Hospice Inpatient Unit.

As per his wishes he has been cremated.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday (February 23, 2019) at St. James Lutheran Church, 1148 4th Street SE, Mason City, with Rev. Sid Bohls and Jeni Bohls officiating. Full military honors will be conducted by members of the Mason City Veterans. Inurnment will be held 1:00 p.m. Monday (February 25, 2019) at the Elmwood St. Joseph Cemetery, Mason City.

Visitation will be held Friday evening (February 22, 2019) at Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel, 126 3rd St NE., Mason City, from 5 until 7 pm and will resume one hour prior to the service time at the church on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider St. James Lutheran Church, Cannonball Gardens at East Park; where Jim's father, Patrick, was killed two and half miles North of there on April of 1932, when Jim was two and half years old.

James Dominick O'Donnell was born Feb 7, 1929 in Mason City, the son of Patrick J. and Sadie A. (Smith) O'Donnell. He attended Mason City High School, enlisting into the Navy in 1947. He received a medical discharge after seven months due to his knee problems. He was then drafted into the Army on December 6, 1950 and was honorably discharged on November 22, 1952. Jim was united in marriage to Ruth Arlene Hagen on October 16, 1953 at St. James Lutheran Church. To this union two children were born, Kirk Patrick O'Donnell and Susan Diane O'Donnell.

Jim worked for over forty years delivering freight around North Iowa and acquiring extended friends adding to the many family, neighbors and relatives. Jim was known to help anyone, fix or repair things even though he might not have the proper tools and sometimes making them better - in return they were thankful for him.

Jim loved gardening, travelling to visit children in Oelwein, Alaska and Washington. Jim was a volunteer for the Boy Scouts in the 1970's at St. James and served over twenty-five years on the VFW and on the Veterans Honor Guard post 733 and assisted with over seven hundred veteran funerals. Later he volunteered with his wife, Ruth, at the Mercy

Hospital Gift Shop.

Jim is survived by his wife, Ruth of sixty-five years; two children, Kirk P. O'Donnell of Bainbridge Island, Washington and Susan D (Jeff) Heitland of Oelwein, Iowa; two grandchildren, Matthew (Jennifer) Heitland and Jennifer (David) McCready.

Preceding him in death are his parents; eight siblings, Patricia (Alfred) Bitter, Rosetta (Earl) Cornelius, Joseph P. O'Donnell, infant brother James, Ruth (Harold) Huffacker, William A. O'Donnell, Margaret (William) McCloskey, John P. (Sarah) O'Donnell; brother in-law, Walter (Vivian) Hagen and Alvin (Monica) Hagen, numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, great-great nieces and great-great nephews. His special Black Cat, Fritzie, that lived to be seventeen.

In the last few years as health declined and unable to go for walks, he and Ruth would sit by the garage while their neighbors and friends would stop to talk with them. Along with their friends, the neighborhood cats and dogs would stop by for their daily treats from Jim and Ruth.

A special thank you to the family, friends, neighbors and medical staff.

# Cemetery

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## **Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery**

1224 South Washington

Mason City, IA,

# Comments

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“ Bertch Quality Dept. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of James "Bob" D. O'Donnell.



**Bertch Quality Dept.** - February 11 at 04:22 PM

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“ I will really miss my wonderful Uncle Jim. He meant so much to everyone in my family. And he was one of the relatives that I could pretty much count on to agree with my progressive political beliefs! I think that he'll quickly get to work fixing and building things on "the other side". My heartfelt condolences to all his family members. My thoughts are with you.

**Jean Hagen** - February 03 at 01:48 AM



“ I was also sorry to hear about Uncle Jim. Whenever I saw him he always seemed genuinely interested in what I was up to. I remember the time he came to our house when I had all our high school rock band equipment in the living room. He was fascinated. The world loses another good person. Condolences to the family

**Gary Hagen** - February 05 at 10:31 AM