



Mr. James Reiley McDonald

April 28, 1928 - August 16, 2025

James Reiley McDonald died August 16 at his home in Ruxton, MD surrounded by his family. "Jim" was born April 28, 1928 to Harry and Mary Catherine McDonald and grew up in Towson. A graduate of Towson High School and Washington & Lee University, Jim was a legendary lacrosse coach and player, an avid horseman and fox hunter, and an accomplished businessman and insurance broker. He was inducted into five athletic halls of fame: National Lacrosse Hall of Fame 2017, Washington & Lee Athletic Hall of Fame 2018, University of Baltimore Athletic Hall of Fame 2008, Greater Baltimore Lacrosse Hall of Fame 2005, Virginia Lacrosse Hall of Fame 1997.

He is survived by his children and their spouses — Reiley McDonald and Cricket Hooper of Lexington, KY, Brooke McDonald and Michael Brassert of Baltimore, Page and Andy Crosby of Monkton, and Leigh McDonald Hall of Ruxton — five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Jim was predeceased by his wives Joan -- the mother of his children — Barbara and Susan, and his brother John. A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 29, 11 am at Saint James Church, 3100 Monkton Road, Monkton, Maryland 21111. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation and The Baltimore Sports Academy.

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration

AUG **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James Episcopal Church
3100 Monkton Rd
Monkton, MD

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to have been out of town for Jim’s service. I rode his fox hunters for him for many years. He was a no nonsense guy but easy to work for. Bubba and rocky were his mighty steeds and he cared for them deeply. I rode at both farms and thoroughly enjoyed his company when he was puttering around the barn. I still think about him often. There was something about his gruffness that was charming. I haven’t seen him in many years but i have never forgotten him. God bless him and his family who I’m sure will miss him him dearly
Debbie Higgins

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