



James A McDermitt

March 30, 1934 - October 22, 2024

James A. "Red" McDermitt, 90, of Lake Villa, IL, finished his earthly journey on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, passing peacefully at his home.

He was born on March 30, 1934, in Pittsburgh, PA, a son of William Henry and Annetta Gilliland McDermitt. Known as Red to his family and Jim to his friends, he was raised in the Sheraden neighborhood of Pittsburgh, PA. Before settling in Lake Villa in 1972, he had lived in Evanston and Bensenville, IL. He loved the Lord, his family and the Pittsburgh Steelers. He also enjoyed family reunions, Lionel and steam engine trains, car racing, travelling and history.

He worked hard all his life, starting at the Kauffman Department Store in Pittsburgh, PA followed by various jobs throughout his life, which included being a mechanic and working in construction. He spent the last 28 years of his working life with Walmart.

He will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him. Leaving to cherish his memory are his children Caroline (Tom) Bongiorno, Connie McDermitt, Ernest McDermitt, Eric McDermitt, and Ellen McDermitt all of Illinois and grandchildren Alia Bongiorno of Oregon and Tommy Bongiorno of Texas; siblings Donald (late Helen and late Mary McClellan) McDermitt of Georgia and Howard (Mildred Cosner) McDermitt of Virginia, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws, many other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his devoted wife, Virginia, who passed away July 18, 2023 and whom he wed on September 18, 1965, his parents, William and Annetta McDermitt, and sisters Virginia "Gin" (late Marvin "Toby") Tobias, Lois (late Jack) Haney, Eleanor Elizabeth (who passed in infancy), and Jean (late Robert) Sawchuck.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, October 29, from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave., Lake Villa, IL. The funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m., at the funeral home, immediately following the visitation. Interment will take place on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at Warren Cemetery, Gurnee, IL.

Service will be live-streamed at <https://evt.live/james-mcdermitt>

Cemetery Details

Warren Cemetery

1495 N. Cemetery Road
Gurnee, IL 60031

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-2146
info@ringafuneralhome.com
<https://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

OCT **29**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Live Cast

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Live Stream

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Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James A McDermitt.*



October 29, 2024 at 11:02 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Jim at Walmart for 28 years, and the pleasure of knowing him and his family for 36. Our kids went to the same school and we lived minutes away from each other. His work ethics were impeccable, no one could stop him, not rain, heat, or snow. My memories of Jim are that he took pride in what he did, his work and his family. Before Ginny died and even after when he was out and about he always wanted to visit his friends at Walmart. My final visits with Jim, reminded me, that the paths we take in life lead us to people who make a great impact in our lives till the end.
Thank you Jim for making an impact in mine.
Csm Willie.*

Willie - October 28, 2024 at 11:44 AM



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Willie - October 27, 2024 at 01:07 PM

SL

“ Jim was an amazing man I worked with him at the old Walmart and also the new one. Jim was always willing to help anyone in need of help he loved his job so much and I loved working with him. He was truly missed when he retired and will be truly missed may he rest in Heaven.
Until we meet again Jim
Sheryl (Amann) Leidl

Sheryl Leidl - October 26, 2024 at 10:47 PM

SL

“ Sheryl Leidl lit a candle in memory of James McDermitt



Sheryl Leidl - October 26, 2024 at 06:36 PM

TC

“ Timber Creek Church purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James A McDermitt.



Timber Creek Church - October 24, 2024 at 04:06 PM

LM

“ Love, Daryl, Jenny, Jacob and Joey Marti purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James A McDermitt.



Love, Daryl, Jenny, Jacob and Joey Marti - October 24, 2024 at 10:27 AM

LM

“ Love, Daryl, Jenny, Jacob and Joey Marti planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James A McDermitt.

Love, Daryl, Jenny, Jacob and Joey Marti - October 24, 2024 at 10:27 AM

TB

“ Tom, Caroline Alia and Tommy Bongiorno purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of James A McDermitt.



Tom, Caroline Alia and Tommy Bongiorno - October 23, 2024 at 04:34 PM