



James H. McDowell

April 21, 1943 - July 31, 2021

James “Judge” H. McDowell, 78, of Kalkaska, passed away on July 31, 2021. He was born on April 21, 1943 to the late Gurvis and Jewell (Newell) McDowell in Kilbourne, Louisiana. Judge was affectionately known as a farm boy turned oilfield man and it couldn’t be more fitting. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and working with farm animals, as well as having a love for his bird dogs. Judge took great pride in his work and expected others to do the same. He liked to “shoot the breeze” with friends and coworkers, especially at his famous fish fries. If he wasn’t outside tending to his lawn or his garden, you might find him reading or watching a western. He looked forward to attending a Sunday school class at church each week. Judge will be lovingly remembered by his wife and best friend Barbara; children Paula (Eric) Simmonds and Bill (Jen) McDowell; grandchildren Derek Simmonds, Kolten and Kyle McDowell; siblings Claudine Stephens, Harper McDowell, and Joan Priddy. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother John “Bubba” McDowell. A visitation for Judge will be held on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Kalkaska Funeral Home. A service will be held on August 5, 2021 at 2:00 PM at the Traverse City Church of Christ, with final visitation one hour prior. Burial will take place at Lodi Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Lodi Cemetery

5219 M-66
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S Cedar St
P.O. Box 1457
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Final Visitation

AUG 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Traverse City Church of Christ
3250 Rennie Street
Traverse City , MI 49684

Service

AUG 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Uncle Judge what can I say that we haven't said.you know how much I cared for you,even if I did have to keep you & the pet coon seperated when we lived in Louisiana.That was some great times down there.Then I moved to Michigan pet coon got all your time then.But then you & aunt Bob moved to Michigan time to catch up & catch we did.We worked together at B&L hotshot then at Key Energy. Your gonna be missed by lot's of folk's but not as much as you will be missed by me & the pet coon.I know you are in heaven just hope they allow bird dog's up there .Don't worry about aunt Bob Billy has got that under control.I love & miss you Rickey McDowell

rickey mcdowell - August 11, 2021 at 04:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James H. McDowell.



August 04, 2021 at 12:03 PM

JP

“ McDowell Family,

So sorry to hear “Judge” passed. Have many memories of our pheasant hunts in South Dakota. I can hear Ole Judge hollering for his dogs, “Abby & Heidi” “get over here”!

May he Rest In Peace and forever shoot straight.

God speed, Judge.

Jimmy Patrick

jimmy Patrick - August 04, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of James H. McDowell.*



August 03, 2021 at 09:24 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James H. McDowell.*



August 03, 2021 at 02:20 PM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of James H. McDowell.*



August 03, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James H. McDowell.*



August 03, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of James H. McDowell.*



August 02, 2021 at 05:38 PM