

James "Jim" Patrick McDonald

August 24, 1966 ~ May 24, 2020

Dear Family and Friends,
It is with great sadness to let you know about the passing of my sweetheart. Jim fought many years with multiple physical and mental illnesses. One of those physical illnesses was his heart, and on the afternoon of Sunday May 24th, 2020 Jim succumb to complications of heart disease. Jim was a loving husband, Dad, and Papa.

Jim was born in 1966 in Mount Kisco, New York. He was three weeks old when his family moved to El Paso, Texas. He was the youngest of four kids. Jim loved to read, go camping, carving wooden figures, drawing cartoon characters, any and all guns, and target shooting. The most important thing in Jim's life was his family. There wasn't a day that went by where we didn't feel his love and support. Jim served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Los Angeles, California, he was transferred to Salt Lake City (knee surgery) to finish the last few months of his mission (that is where he met me). I met him on the 4th of July in 1987. His smile caught my eye, and that was the first time he made me laugh. We were sealed for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple on January 28th, 1988. He spent the next 32 years making me smile. He was the best dad for our three girls that anyone could ask for. He thought that was the best calling in the world and then he became a Papa. He loved his little best buddies with all of his heart. He is survived by his loving wife, best friend, and partner; his three daughters and their spouses (Marci and Brian Franchina, Tara and Zach Cash and Sydnie and Andy Firmage); and his 4 granddaughters and 1 grandson (Judy Franchina, Nora, Olivia and Gracie Cash, and Benjamin James King); his brother Chris McDonald, sisters Ellen Fleming and Laurie Engle. Jim is now reunited with his parents Jean and John McDonald and in-laws Jerry and Judy Sedlacek. We are so grateful that we are an eternal family, and will be all together again. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are limited for those who can attend the services. We will stream the funeral so those that aren't invited to attend in person can participate (more details to come in the following days). In lieu of flowers if you would like to help with funeral expenses please donate to this Venmo account: @Ann-McDonald-20. Our friends and family mean the world to us, and I know he loves you all as do I. I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, support, and love during this difficult time.