



Jeremiah "Jerry" McDonnell

August 8, 1929 - April 2, 2014

Jeremiah "Jerry" McDonnell, 84, of Tallahassee, FL passed away peacefully at home Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

He was born to Jeremiah Edward and Hazel Robinson McDonnell of Syracuse, NY and grew up in Eastwood graduating high school in 1948. He received his BS from SUNY Oswego where he was a member of Psi Phi fraternity. After college he enrolled in the Naval Cadet Program becoming a jet fighter pilot and served in the Navy from the Korean War to the Cuban Missile Crisis. He received a MS from Syracuse University and became a dedicated educator in the New York State Public Schools until his retirement from Red Hook Central School, Red Hook, NY. After retirement he was the Executive Director of Cuneen-Hackett Cultural Center in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Photography and sailing were his two favorite interests. Jerry and Cora spent countless weekends sailing on the Hudson River as members of the Marlboro and Poughkeepsie Yacht Clubs. His ambition was to circle the world on his sailboat "Coriolis", but illness prevented this dream's fulfillment.

Jerry was predeceased by his parents, his brother John McDonnell and sister Johanna Koagel. He is survived by his devoted wife of 50 years Cora (Davis), his son Jerry D. McDonnell of Tallahassee FL, his daughter Erin Steward and her husband Scott of Long Valley NJ, his two cherished grandchildren Gavin and Susie Steward who will remember him always as Pop-Pop, his sister Kate Krzykowski of Syracuse NY, many nieces and nephews, and his partner in crime Angus the family dog.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a funeral mass at Blessed
Sacrament Catholic Church in Eastwood on Saturday, May 31 at 11:00am.