



**James M. McDonald, MMCS(SS)**  
**DOB: April 4, 1952**  
**Eternal Patrol: September 28, 2025**

### **James Maurice McDonald Obituary**

Norfolk - James Maurice McDonald, born April 4, 1952, in Prairie Grove, Arkansas, passed away peacefully on September 28, 2025, in Norfolk, Virginia, at the age of 73. He leaves behind a legacy of dedication to his country, family, and community.

James was a proud veteran of the United States Submarine Service, where he honorably served for 22 and a half years. His deep love for the sea and submarines was evident throughout his career. Following his retirement from the Navy, he continued his commitment to national service, working as a military contractor refueling nuclear reactors.

He enjoyed fishing, James cherished the quiet moments spent by the water, casting a line and enjoying the beauty of nature, he also loved submarines. Above all, he treasured the time spent with his family, which brought him his greatest joy.

James was a valued member of several organizations, including Sub Vets, the Masons, and VFW Post 4809. His sense of camaraderie and dedication extended beyond his professional life into these communities. He also pursued higher education with two years of college, enriching his understanding and skills.

He is preceded in death by his beloved parents, James Whizzer and Mary Ann (Van Horn) McDonald. James is survived by his devoted wife, Carolyn McDonald; his son, James McDonald, his son Brian McDonald; and his daughter, Stefanie Boebinger, her husband Corey and their children Carolina Drozen, her husband Daniel, Savanna Lord, her husband Eric, Jonathon Boebinger and Danielle Boebinger; and numerous brother's and sister's. He is also remembered fondly by many other family members and friends, who will miss his humor, kindness, and unwavering support.

A memorial service in honor of James's life will be announced at a later date. Cremation & Funeral Services of Tidewater is assisting the family during this difficult time. Friends and loved ones are invited to share their memories and express condolences at [CandFServices.com](https://www.candfservices.com).

In this time of mourning, we take comfort in knowing that James's spirit lives on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. His dedication, warmth, and love will be dearly missed, but never forgotten.

<https://www.candfservices.com/obituaries/James-Maurice-McDonald?obId=45719809>



## James M. McDonald , MMCS(SS)



USSVI Life Member



Holland Club



Submarine  
Qualified  
50 years ago

### Personal Information

Nickname	Jim	
Spouse / Partner Next of Kin		
Address		
Phones		
E-mail Addresses		
Homepage		
Doing Now	working as a defence contractor	
Status	Changed on: 4/3/2023 Updated by Dennis C. Nardone ()	

### US Navy Service Information







Years Served	Joined in 1970 left in 1992
Highest Rank - Rate	E8 - MMCS(SS)
Service Number	B757400
USN Retired	Yes in 1992
Naval Service Highlights	
Ships Served On	SSBN-629, SSBN-655, AS-18, SSBN-611, SSBN-624, SSBN-630

### Membership in the USSVI



Member Info	Joined USSVI on: 7/26/2001
Primary Base	Hampton Roads
Member Type	Holland Club Life Member since 10/27/2009
Title or Office	
Comments	
SS Qualified	in 1971 on the USS Daniel Boone (SSBN-629)
Dual Membership	CHARLESTON

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Membership in Hampton Roads Base Information	
Base Info	Joined Base on: 12/17/2016
USSVI Info	Joined USSVI on: 7/26/2001 Holland Club Life Member since 10/27/2009
Title or Office	
Comments	
SS Qualified	in 1971 on the USS Daniel Boone (SSBN-629)
Other Assn's	USSVI, USSVI-CHARLESTON, USSVI-HAMPTON ROADS
Primary Base	

Hull#	Ship's Name	Rate/Rank	Years	Special Duties	
<a href="#">SSBN-629</a> 	Daniel Boone	MM3(SS)	1971-71		
<a href="#">SSBN-655</a> 	Henry L Stimson	MM2(SS)	1974-75, 1977-78		A Gang
<a href="#">AS-18</a> 	Orion	MM3(SS)	1976-77	Shop 38	
<a href="#">SSBN/SSN-611</a> 	John Marshall	MM1(SS)	1978-81		A Gang
<a href="#">SSBN/SSN-624</a> 	Woodrow Wilson	MM1(SS)	1981-85		
<a href="#">SSBN-630</a> 	John C Calhoun	MMCS(SS)	1988-92		

Name	Location	Rate/Rank	Years
Navy Recruiting District Nashville	Nashville, TN	MMC(SS)	1985-88

Nickname	Association Name	Joined
USSVI-CHARLESTON 	USSVI Base - Charleston	2008
USSVI-HAMPTON ROADS 	USSVI Base - Hampton Roads	2016

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