



Jerome and Roberta McDermott

August 3, 1935 - November 30, 2017

Jerome and Roberta McDermott will be laid to rest at St. Mary's Cemetery on Saturday, December 9, 2017. Roberta Ann Morrissey McDermott was born in Ottumwa on December 20, 1943 to Robert and Wyota Morrissey of North D Street, Albia. She graduated from Albia High School in 1962 and attended Drake University. Jerome Michael McDermott was born in Estherville, Iowa on August 3, 1935 to Earl and Marie McDermott.

He graduated from Mason City High School in 1954 and enlisted in the Marines. He later attended Mankato State University and the University of Chicago. Jerry and Roberta met in Des Moines and were married on January 20, 1968. They were the loving and devoted parents of Andrew, John, and Kate.

Roberta was a proud special education teacher for over 40 years and worked tirelessly for the teachers union. Jerry worked for the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Chicago, and later in Washington, D.C. as the Executive Director for Senator Paul Simon of Illinois.

They built their home in Herndon, Virginia in 1987 and lived there until Roberta's death on November 9, 2013. Jerry passed away on November 30, 2017. Jerry and Roberta were devoted to each other and to their children. They will be profoundly missed.

Please join the Morrissey and McDermott families to celebrate the lives of Jerry and Roberta at the Tharp Funeral Home on Friday, December 8, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. with the family present to greet friends and relatives.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 9, 2017 at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Albia.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.tharpfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Graveside Service

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Cemetery
Albia, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerome and Roberta McDermott*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Jerome and Roberta McDermott*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Roberta has lived in a very special place in my heart since the day we became friends... There is not enough time or paper to share all of the memories that we have made together and remembered together. She will continue to live in that place in my heart until I join her in heaven and then we will have a ball remembering the good old days! All of my love to her family and other friends who share the same memories Judy White*

Judy white - December 11, 2017 at 02:41 PM



“ *ED MCGINN lit a candle in memory of Jerome and Roberta McDermott*



ED MCGINN - December 08, 2017 at 11:10 AM

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“ *Roberta and I were classmates in St. Mary's and on through senior year in high school at Albia High School. I have such fond memories of bunk parties at the Morrissey home and having such a sweet and good person for a pal during those years.* ”

Carol Stewart - December 04, 2017 at 07:22 PM