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Obituary

James L. McDonald

Des Moines

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Jimmy was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Geraldine in 2007; granddaughter, Gretchen Hummel; a brother and five sisters. He is survived by three daughters, Becky (Craig) Boese, Marla McDonald-Hummel and Carrie McDonald; eight grandchildren, Andrea (Robert) Savage, Erica and Alex Boese, Andrew and Michelle Hummel, Matthew and Brandon McDonald and Cheylen Mills; great granddaughter, Ruby Savage; and three sisters, Janice Fredrick, Lorraine McLeary and Mildred McClavy.

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Born in Russell, IA on Feb. 6, 1928
Departed on Jun. 23, 2012 and resided in Des Moines, IA.

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