



Leslie James McFadden

August 5, 1954 - April 14, 2019

Leslie “Les” McFadden, 64, of Jefferson City, passed away on Sunday, April 14, 2019, at home. He was born on August 5, 1954, in Jefferson City, Missouri, the son of Howard and Theresa (Gallagher) McFadden. He was united in marriage to Irma Buschjost on October 20, 1984 in St. Thomas, Missouri.

Les attended St. Stanislaus grade school in Wardsville, then went on to Helias, before transferring to the newly completed Blair Oaks high school from which he graduated in 1972. He worked at Chesebrough-Ponds in his first years of work, then attended Linn Technical College where he received training in heavy equipment operation. His training prepared him for jobs including operating a drag line on a levee in southeastern Missouri, earth moving projects in western Missouri, and the construction industry in Ruidoso, New Mexico. In 1978, he returned to Missouri where he began work for the Missouri Pacific Railroad (later the Union Pacific Railroad). In his 39-year career with the railroad he worked his way up from track work to overseeing safety for a large geographic region stretching from Chicago to Arkansas. He was called upon to manage a number of dangerous and significant derailings. After retiring in 2015, Les consulted for RailPros, and for Nooter Construction Company.

Les was very active in the St. Stanislaus parish. He served as an altar boy in grade school, and in recent years participated in the parish council and Knights of Columbus. He also volunteered frequently in parish activities, and was a beloved and kind presence in the congregation.

Les purchased his childhood home and devoted many hours to tending to the home and 40-acre parcel. He stewarded the home and land, and was proud of the beauty and the expansive view of the Osage River valley. He recently took an interest in pheasant hunting and archery. He loved wildlife, arrowhead hunting, dancing, and entertaining. He had a wide circle of loving family and friends, and he loved to share a laugh with them. He never met a stranger and had an uncanny ability to make an immediate connection with anyone. He was genuinely interested in others, and made people feel welcome and comfortable in

all situations.

Les possessed a great sense of humor which he put to good use in his extracurricular activities. In high school, he was in a summer soft ball league known as “The Headhunters.” It is doubtful they ever won a game. Recently, he joined a pheasant hunting crew and they called themselves “The World’s Worst Hunters.”

Most of all, Les loved his wife Irma whom he called his best friend, and his children and grandchildren. He will be greatly missed, and he left this world too soon.

He is survived by his mother: Theresa McFadden of Jefferson City; wife Irma; four children: James “Cory” McFadden of Ft. Drum, New York; Adam McFadden of Holts Summit; Angela (Casey) Smith of Jefferson City; Erica (Matt) Veit of Jefferson City; five grandchildren: Neal, Vivian, Ian, Marshall, and Elodie; siblings: Greg (Marji) McFadden of Glendale Arizona; Denise (Ron) Suttles of Oklahoma City; Kevin (Rachel) McFadden of Columbus, Ohio; Randy McFadden of London, England; Barb (Tom Rocklin) McFadden of Iowa City; Michele (Maurice Manring) McFadden of Columbus, Ohio; Kirk McFadden of Jamestown, Missouri; Susie McFadden of Dallas, Texas. He was a beloved Uncle to many nieces and nephews; two brothers-in-law: Arthur Buschjost (Cindy) of St. Thomas, Tom Kliegel of St. Thomas; four sisters-in-law: Mary Alice Cook of Henley, Gerri Rackers (Richard) of Wardsville, Barbara Campbell (Jim) of Russellville, Arleen Long (Jim) of Fulton. He was preceded in death by his father Howard L. McFadden; father-in-law: Jerome Buschjost, mother-in-law: Dorothy Buschjost; brothers-in-law Rod Allen, Harold Buschjost, Rocky Cook; sister-in-law: Patricia Kliegel.

Friends will be received from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at Houser-Millard Funeral Directors with a prayer service at 3:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church with Fr. Mike Coleman officiating. Interment will immediately follow at St. Stanislaus Catholic Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy can be made to St. Stanislaus Catholic Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Houser-Millard Funeral Directors, 2613 West Main Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109 (573) 636-3838. Condolences may be left online for the family at www.millardfamilychapels.com.

Cemetery

Events

St. Stanislaus Cemetery

6418 State Highway W
Jefferson City, MO, 65101

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Prayer Service

03:30PM

Houser-Millard Funeral Directors

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Visitation

04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Mass of Christian Burial

10:00AM

St. Stanislaus Catholic Church

6418 State Highway W, Jefferson City, MO, US, 65101

Comments



“ Amanda, I am sorry for your loss. Condolences to you and your family.
Melissa Hope

Melissa Hope - April 18 at 09:22 AM



“ Amanda Nilges, Theresa and Randy Case purchased the Chinese Dogwood Tree for the family of Leslie James McFadden.



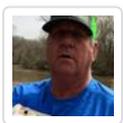
Amanda Nilges, Theresa and Randy Case - April 17 at 08:45 AM



“ Irma, Sorry to hear about Les "My Amigo" as we call each other every time we spoke. Les was a person that well trainers could count one every time we needed him. All way's stepping up to do any training that we need help with. He will be miss, as he was a true friend and family man. My CONDOLENCES to you and your family.



Carlos Mendoza - April 17 at 06:17 AM



“ Irma, I am so sorry to hear about Les passing away. All the time we spent together working on the railroad we became very good friends. As you already know he was one of a kind and he made this old world a better place. God bless you praying for you and your family. Stephen and Debi Amos

Stephen Amos - April 16 at 10:11 PM



“ Irma, my condolences to you and your family. Though I never met him, what a handsome gentleman Les was. That smile likely lit up many a room! I know you'll get a lot of support from your family. You're in my thoughts. -- Laurelanne Bellezzo

Laurelanne Bellezzo - April 16 at 09:31 PM



“ Irma, I'm so sorry about Leslie passing away. I'd see him at the ymca frequently and he was as he was forty years ago when we ran on the same paths, a great, energetic human being. I'm writing particularly because I can't express to you my personal condolences as I'm currently in South America. Please take solace in the life you shared together and the many good times we had as teens. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers..
Bobby Roling

Robert Roling - April 16 at 06:01 PM



“ My name is Dave Schultz and Les worked for me when he was a trainer for the bridge folks on the RR. (Les may have referred to me as "Safety Dave"!) I was shocked to hear of his passing as he was still a young man and since I knew him he was always in good physical shape. Les was in the top of my bridge trainers and I truly appreciated his professionalism and dedication to the training he did, I could always count on him to do his best. He made the world a better place to be in and he will be sorely missed. My condolences to the entire McFadden family. I would have liked to attend the services but I just found out about his passing today. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. God Bless.

David A. Schultz - April 16 at 04:58 PM



“ God bless you Irma and family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Curt and Christine Prater



curt prater - April 16 at 02:39 PM



“ Love You Les, Chip Deel and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Leslie James McFadden.



Love You Les, Chip Deel and Family - April 16 at 02:02 PM



“ Dear Friend,
I am going to miss you! See you down the road when my time comes.

Love you Les,
Chip Deel and Family



Frank Deel - April 16 at 01:57 PM



“ Mike and Paige Tourville purchased the With Distinction for the family of Leslie James McFadden.



Mike and Paige Tourville - April 16 at 01:04 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leslie James McFadden.





“ To the McFadden family--

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Les. This breaks my heart! Please know my thoughts and prayers are with your entire family during this difficult time.

Sharon Dunn



Sharon Dunn - April 16 at 09:08 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Leslie James McFadden.



April 16 at 09:04 AM



“ To the McFadden Family,
We wish to offer our deepest condolences at the untimely death of Les. I enjoyed shooting Sporting Clays with him recently and also got to know him better through his initiation into the “World’s Worst Hunter’s Club. He was a wonderful person who always wore a smile.

May he Rest In Peace.

Sincerely, Ron Annen



Ronald Annen - April 16 at 07:38 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Leslie James McFadden.



April 15 at 10:02 PM



“ What a great friend Les was to Russel and me.! Our prayers are with his family.
Sincerely,Ruthie and Russel Cramer.

Ruthie and Russel Cramer - April 15 at 09:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leslie James McFadden.



April 15 at 09:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Leslie James McFadden.



April 15 at 08:41 PM



“ My prayers are with you. We were a very close graduating class at St. Stanislaus. We were together for 8 years and those were the best years. We will miss you Leslie - you were one of the best-of-the-best.
Love and prayers Irma. Brenda Roling

Brenda Roling - April 15 at 08:40 PM



“ So sorry for your loss! Keeping you all in my prayers!

Michelle Bilyeu Abbott - April 15 at 08:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leslie James McFadden.



April 15 at 07:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leslie James McFadden.



April 15 at 06:26 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Irma... Les will be missed by all that knew him! May he Rest In Peace. Prayers for you and yours



Denise Taylor - April 15 at 06:22 PM



“ Irma, so sorry to hear about the passing of Les. He and his group of friends, were some of the first people Ed and I met when we moved to Jeff. City. He was always one of the kindest and friendliest of all. Hang in there, he will be looking after you from heaven! You are in my thoughts and prayers!

LINDA ROST - April 15 at 05:25 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Leslie James McFadden.



April 15 at 05:12 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leslie James McFadden.



April 15 at 04:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leslie James McFadden.



April 15 at 03:24 PM



“ Irma our heart goes out to you! We will always remember Les's beautiful smile. Keep him in your heart, he is now watching over you.

Brenda and Clayton Peters

Brenda Peters - April 15 at 02:40 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathy to Irma and family, to Theresa and all of Leslie's brothers and sisters.

Marilyn Love

marilyn love - April 15 at 02:40 PM



“ So sorry for you loss. My prayers are with all of the family. Gina Henley

Gina Henley - April 15 at 02:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leslie James McFadden.



April 15 at 02:39 PM



“ I send my sincerest sympathy for your loss.



Connie Prater Collins - April 15 at 02:27 PM



“ Les was one of a kind man, so much fun to talk to and hang out with, and was always available for a listening ear and some thoughtful advice. I will miss the random phone calls and texts of him just saying hi and checking up.

Zak Fletcher - April 15 at 01:43 PM



“ I will always cherish my memories of living in Jeff City and the friends I made there. Irma, my heart aches for you and the rest of your family. My love and sympathy goes out to all of you.
Peace and Love,
Linda Brown Knight

Linda Brown Knight - April 15 at 01:12 PM



“ Irma I am so sorry to hear about Leslie your family is in our thoughts and prayers



George & Sharon Bax - April 15 at 12:58 PM