



H. Alan Chico McDonal

July 26, 1951 - June 16, 2025

H. Alan “Chico” McDonal, a beloved resident of Centralia, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 16, 2025, at the age of 73.

Born on Thursday, July 26, 1951, in Centralia, the son of Berthold McDonal and Betty (Belt) McDonal. On October 24, 2002, he married the love of his life, Pam (Burton) Lusch. Chico lived a life full of love, dedication, and adventure. He leaves behind a legacy of warmth, strength, and unforgettable memories.

Chico's career as a Stationary Engineer spanned 39 years at the Warren G. Murray Center in Centralia, where his work and commitment to excellence left a lasting impression on colleagues and friends. Chico also proudly served his country in the Air Force, embodying the values of service and patriotism throughout his life. A man of many passions, Chico found joy in fishing, hunting, and traveling to Canada for memorable fishing trips with his closest buddies. He cherished every moment spent watching his grandchildren participate in sports and was an avid supporter of the Centralia Orphans, the Fighting Illini, and the St. Louis Cardinals. Chico Alan McDonal will be dearly missed by all who knew him, and his spirit will continue to inspire those who were touched by his kindness, humor, and unwavering love for his family.

Chico's family was his greatest treasure. He is survived by his loving wife of 23 years, Pam McDonal, of Centralia; his children, Jared McDonal and wife Chrissy of Centralia, Justin McDonal and wife Rae Ann of Centralia, Angie

Finley and husband Troy of Patoka, Sara Peters and Andy Arenas of Centralia, and Jacob Lusch and wife Jonette of Centralia. He was the proud grandfather of Tyler, Gavin, Landyn, Owen, Braydin, Addy, Creedon, Nash, Emery, Tilly, Cayden, Riley, Lillian, Eli, and Ezra. Chico is also survived by his brothers, Jeff McDonal and wife Cris of California and Gary "Ponch" McDonal and wife Dorcas of Fort Myers, Florida; sister, Jana Ussrey and husband Mike of Centralia; and cherished nieces and nephews, Matt McDonal, Ashley McDonal, Alisha McDonal, Michelle Sisson and husband Andy, and Christa Ussery.

He is preceded in death by his loving parents and his grandson, Holdyn McDonal.

A Celebration of Life to honor Chico will be held on Friday, June 20, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation from 4:00 PM until the time of the service at the funeral home. Military Honors will be accorded by the Centralia American Legion Post 446 and the Centralia VFW Post 2055 at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home the evening of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Pam McDonal, and will be gratefully accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home located at 235 North Sycamore Street, Centralia, Illinois 62801. Those wishing to extend their condolences may do so by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook page. The Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home is honored to assist the McDonal family during this time of remembrance.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Celebration of Life

JUN **20**. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of H. Alan Chico McDonal*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - June 20, 2025 at 04:20 PM

JT

“ *Chico was the Man. His smiling face, good heart and spirit are one of my best memories from Centralia. We first met in second grade and continued our friendship ever since. Pam and family you have my prayers and blessings in this difficult time.*

John W Timothy, Jr, MD - July 02, 2025 at 08:53 AM

IB

“ *so sorry for your loss he was a good one*

Irvan Buchholz - June 21, 2025 at 11:42 AM

FV

“ *Chico and I have been friends since grade school. I will always remember his big smile and Train Set!*

Fast Eddie Veltman - June 21, 2025 at 09:37 AM

TH

“ We always thought a lot of Chico! Justin and our son, Kurt, were friends for a long time. Always enjoyed being at basketball games watching the boys play. He will be missed!

Tom & Diane Hutchings - June 20, 2025 at 02:43 PM

MF

“ Matt Seats & Julie Finckbone purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of H. Alan Chico McDonal.



Matt Seats & Julie Finckbone - June 19, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of H. Alan Chico McDonal.



June 19, 2025 at 03:28 PM

TC

“ The Raftery Cousins! purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of H. Alan Chico McDonal.



The Raftery Cousins! - June 19, 2025 at 11:59 AM

TC

“ *The Raftery Cousins! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of H. Alan Chico McDonal.*

The Raftery Cousins! - June 19, 2025 at 11:59 AM

YM

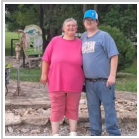
“ *So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all during this difficult time. Condolences to all of the family. Yvonne (Sprehe) Metzger*

Yvonne (Sprehe) Metzger - June 18, 2025 at 07:07 PM

DT

“ *Rest in Peace my friend! Sincere condolences to his family! Memories will last forever! Jack n Donna Trainor*

Donna Trainor - June 18, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss we will be praying for you all you guys are good neighbors and he will be suddenly lost from your neighbors joe and deana and michael hawkins*

Deana Hawkins - June 18, 2025 at 02:03 PM

LL

“ *I remember Chico in high school as a great athlete and really nice guy. When I visited him at his house a few years ago, he was proud to show me his "man cave" of Cardinal and sports memorabilia that he had collected over the years. My condolences go out to Pam and all of the extended family. I will remember Chico as a kind and good man.*

Larry Lusch - June 18, 2025 at 11:03 AM

CH

“ I knew Chico from Murray Center. He was a wonderful friend!
Sincere condolences to all of you.

charlotte howe - June 18, 2025 at 09:07 AM

PB

“ Chico was not only a classmate, but also a dear friend!! Our mothers were raised close to each other, so he always said we were related. He will be so missed! Thoughts and Prayers to Pam and all the family! 🙏❤️😊

Peggy Myers Beal - June 18, 2025 at 04:55 AM

LV

“ To Chico's entire family~we had a pleasure meeting him & all of you for a few days staying at the lake & having a fish fry of course, we know how much he enjoyed family time, sending 🙏 & XOXO to you.

Larry & Denise Vicari - June 17, 2025 at 11:06 PM

DD

“ Chico was my childhood neighbor and friend. He and my brothers shared fun times together. I as well, have so many great memories of him and summers in our neighborhood. I'm sorry for the loss of a loved friend.

Donna Dycus - June 17, 2025 at 10:36 PM

BW

“ Chico was a great guy and will be missed. Condolences to the entire family.

Brenda White - June 17, 2025 at 10:16 PM

GA

“ Gary Altenbaumer lit a candle in memory of
H. Alan Chico McDonal



Gary Altenbaumer - June 17, 2025 at 09:16 PM

MH

“ He was a one of a kind great guy! Sympathy to Pam and the entire
family that will miss him so very much. ~ Steve & Mary Jane Hardy

Mary J Hardy - June 17, 2025 at 09:05 PM

VH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are for/with family and friends!

Vickie & Wayne Houser - June 17, 2025 at 08:05 PM

GL

“ Rest Easy Chico, you were a great guy to
know for over 50 years.



Georgia Lambert - June 17, 2025 at 07:30 PM

DW

“ Pam & family,
So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all during this difficult time. Condolences, & you're in our thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely,
Donna(Roper-Queen) Wooters & Allen Wooters



Donna Wooters - June 17, 2025 at 07:25 PM

DL

Chico and I grew up together attending Central grade school. We shared a lot of great memories, from playing baseball to pretending we were the Beetles. Chico was a true Orphan and a great person. He will be missed greatly.

Dean Langenfeld - June 17, 2025 at 10:58 PM

KA

Jana,
My sincere sympathy for the passing of your brother.
Chico played in our neighborhood when we were kindergarteners. He was always happy and kind to the littler kids. Prayers to you and Mike as well as Chico's wife, children and grandchildren. He will undoubtedly be missed but joyfully remembered.
Karen (Burge) Chianakas

Karen - June 20, 2025 at 01:35 PM

LR

Our sincere condolences to the family.

Linda and jerry robinett - June 21, 2025 at 03:42 PM