



## James Roderick MacDonald

September 20, 1925 - September 23, 2021

James Roderick MacDonald, 96, of Indianapolis, passed away at home September 23, 2021. As per his wishes, a private family service is planned. He was born on September 20, 1925 in New Castle, Indiana to his parents, Dr. Herman Walter MacDonald and Edna Francis Frost MacDonald. He was preceded in death by the love of his life and wife of 57 years, Mary Virginia Lukemeyer MacDonald, his parents, two sisters, Betty Buffington MacDonald Mann (Fred), and Virginia Lee MacDonald Menke (Allen).

Rod graduated from New Castle High School and entered Indiana University at the age of 17. He was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. He joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 18 and served two years to the end of World War II. He returned to I.U. and graduated with a BA in Geology and a minor in business. Upon graduation he was employed by Socony Vacuum Oil Corporation, for seven years, working in Indianapolis and St. Louis. He then partnered with his brother-in-law Robert St. John Lukemeyer in the apparel business, together founding Roderick St. John's, which included stores in Indianapolis, Cincinnati, and Fort Wayne, operating for over 40 years. They also opened a gift store, J.R. MacMeyer Ltd., which enjoyed many years of success in Indianapolis.

Rod is survived by his daughter, Robin MacDonald; son, Roderick Scott MacDonald (Judy); special son, Michael Frost MacDonald; grandson, James Kelly MacDonald (Joan); grand-daughter, Adrian St. John MacDonald (Julia

Thompson); grand-daughter, Mary Rose MacDonald; great-grandchildren, Ava Rose MacDonald, Victor Scott MacDonald, Roseanna Wren MacDonald, and Joseph Maverick MacDonald. He also loved Judy's children, Elaina Maria and Sean Porter.

If you would like to commemorate a life well lived, a donation to a charity of your choice would honor him.

Final care and arrangements have been entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers Castleton Chapel.

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Memorial Gardens

9700 Allisonville Rd.  
Indianapolis, IN

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ I worked for Rod at the Glendale store during my time at Butler in the early 60's. He introduced me to retail and it was a time I will never forget. Rod and Luke were just fun to work for. I spent most of what I earned buying RSJ clothes, some of which I still have ....and wear! They were such an important part of menswear for many years. I cherish those memories. My sincere condolences to Rod's family.

*Dan Harlan*

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**Dan Harlan** - September 27, 2021 at 12:34 PM

DH

“ Rod made quite an an impact on my young life. I was the first college student he hired to work at the Glendale store. That was in 1959 (and thereafter for a time) and it was Rod, Dottie, me, and Rod's tailor. I also worked downtown that summer with Luke. What great fun for a youngster, and I admired both Rod and Luke then and later in life. My sincere condolences to Rod's family. Dave Hughes

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**Dave Hughes** - September 27, 2021 at 10:19 AM

MR

“ Rod MacDonald was a mentor and friend from the day he hired me in 1963 to work in the Glendale Men's Store until I moved to Beverly Hills, CA, in 1987. I treasured my time with him. Bonnie and I express our sympathy to his loved ones.

*Merrick S. Rayle*

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**merrick scott rayle** - September 26, 2021 at 02:12 PM