



Michael Jason "Jay" McDowell

July 16, 1977 - February 24, 2026

Michael Jason "Jay" McDowell, 48, of West Point, Virginia, passed away on February 24, 2026, surrounded by his loved ones.

Jay was born in Albany, Georgia, and moved to West Point, Virginia, in 2005, where he met his lifelong partner, Heather Curry. He was known for his warm spirit and the joy he brought to those around him.

Throughout his life, Jay loved grilling, gardening, camping, and racing RC cars with his son, Aiden. Known to many as "Grill Master Jay", he took great pride in cooking for family and friends and bringing people together around good food and laughter.

Jay was a dedicated crane operator at West Point Chips, where he worked faithfully for 14 years. His strong work ethic and the friendships he built there meant a great deal to him.

Jay was preceded in death by his mother, Midge Brumbelow; his nephew, Mathew Payne Taylor; his aunt, Pam King; and his grandmother, Dorothy Brumbelow.

Jay is survived by his lifelong partner, Heather Curry of West Point, Virginia; his sons, Dylan McDowell and Aiden McDowell; his father, Thomas McDowell;

his brother, Matt McDowell; and his sister, Oliva James. He also leaves behind many extended family members, friends, and coworkers who became like family throughout his years at West Point Chips.

Jay's love for his family, his passion for the outdoors, and the joy he found in bringing people together will never be forgotten. Though he may be gone from our sight, his spirit will forever remain in the memories and hearts of those who loved him.

A memorial service to celebrate Jay's life will be held at a later date in West Point, Virginia. Family and friends will gather to share memories and honor the life of a man who meant so much to so many.

Tribute Wall

HB

“ *Holly Bernhardt sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Jason "Jay" McDowell*



Holly Bernhardt - April 11 at 02:34 AM

LW

“ *Linda Wilson lit a candle in memory of Michael Jason "Jay" McDowell*



Linda Wilson - March 16 at 05:59 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - March 15 at 08:49 AM

MR

“ *Michael Redford lit a candle in memory of Michael Jason "Jay" McDowell*



michael redford - March 14 at 01:22 PM

DF

“ So sorry for your loss. Hugs



Donna Fudala - March 14 at 12:03 PM

SL

“ Heather, I am so sorry to hear this. You, your son & family are in my thoughts & prayers



Sheila Isgett Lewis - March 14 at 10:49 AM

DN

“ Jay was like you said "" A grill Master "" and the stuff he prepared was THE BOMB ! Going to miss seeing him and Aiden fooling around in the back of the house those lil' cars that flew like a bird !

Dennis Norman - March 14 at 10:13 AM