James Winnard McDaniel, Jr., age 77 of New York Mills, MN, died suddenly on Saturday, July 13, 2013 at Perham Memorial Hospital in Perham, MN. James "Jim" was born on February 11, 1936 in Dallas, TX; son of James Winnard and Dorothy (Johnson) McDaniel.

He graduated from Sunset High School Dallas; then attended the University of Texas - Austin and graduated from the University of Texas - Arlington in 1956. He then attended North Texas State University at Denton and received B.S. and M.S. degrees in Psychology. He continued his education at Texas Tech University - Lubbock where he received his PhD in Philosophy and Psychology. Academically he held memberships in Psi Chi, National Honor Society in Psychology, Sigma XI, National Scientific Honor Society, The American Psychological Assn., and American Assn. for Advancement of Science. His professional career included the following: Associate Professor Dept., Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, University of Colorado, School of Medicine Denver; Director, Cardiovascular & Respiratory Services, Presbyterian - St. Lukes Medical Center, Denver, CO; Director, Northern California Heart Institute, Sutter Community Hospital, Sacramento, CA; Professor, School of Business & Public Administration, California State University - Sacramento; and from 1989 until his retirement in 1998 he was Professor, Program Director, Health Care Administration, Dept. of Business Administration, Winona State University, Winona, MN. He was also a published author of two books in the fields of physical disabilities and chronic disease, rehabilitation and industrial/occupational health and safety.

Jim had a great love of horse racing and was licensed as an owner and trainer in Colorado and Wyoming. He raced his own horses at tracks throughout those states in the 1970s, and won the Colorado Bred Futurity at Pueblo in 1973. He was also very proud of his Scottish heritage and cultural roots from the time he was able to learn to dance the Highland Fling for a school program in the 5th grade. As an adult he was a member of the Clan Donald and Clan Gregor in the USA. He was a charter member of the St. Andrew's Society of Sacramento and Chief of the Caledonian Club of Sacramento from 1987-89. He cherished the journey he made to Scotland with his sons, Nick and Alex, in 1981. He and his wife Carol loved antiquing and had a varied collection of treasures. They travelled many miles to many auctions in pursuit of this hobby.

Jim is survived by the love of his life and wife of 31 years, Carol (Windels); children: Kevin (Sheila) Holliday of Huntington Beach, CA, Terri (Wayne) Cloud of Houston, TX, Alex (Jane) McDaniel of Holcomb, KS and Nick (Lauren) McDaniel of Ft. Worth, TX; step-son: Greg (Erin) Kukas of Sacramento, CA; sister: Tina (David) Haak of Marana, AZ; 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; in-laws: Harold and Jane Windels of New York Mills, Ron and Carol Windels of New York Mills, Sharon Windels of
Fargo, ND, Randy and Brenda Windels of Sebeka, MN, Steve (Pam Doebbling) Windels of Wadena, MN, and Jennifer Windels of New York Mills; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter Veronika McDaniels and nephew Toby Windels. On Saturday, July 20, there will be a visitation beginning at 10 a.m. at the First Congregational United Church in New York Mills with a memorial service at 11 a.m. A luncheon will follow. Honorary pallbearers are his Roundtable buddies: Howard Legried, Bob Sonnenberg, Gerry Windel, Chuck Jacobson, Tommy Becker and Randy Windels. Inurnment will take place at a later date. - See more at: http://www.karvonenfuneralhome.com/obituary/James-McDaniel/New-York-Mills-MN/1224900#sthash.caef9vV.dpuf