

**Donovan, Jim** | 1936-2011

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Memorial service for Jim Donovan, 74, of Decatur is 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur.

Visitation was to be 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Donovan died Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2011, in Decatur.

Born Oct. 27, 1936, in Chicago to Charles and Marcelline (Collins) Donovan, he was an instructor at Weatherford College. He earned his master's degree in education from East Texas State University and married Carol Stout May 18, 1974, in Alvord.

Donovan served in the U.S. Marine Corps for nine years and retired from the U.S. Army Reserve with 39 years of service after two tours of duty in Vietnam and activation during Desert Storm.

He taught for 20 years and upon retirement, he began teaching history at Weatherford College. Donovan was a member of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Wise County Veteran's Group and Second Battalion, Third Marines (2/3) Association.

He was preceded in death by brothers Charlie Donovan and Tom Donovan.

Donovan is survived by his wife; son Brad Donovan and wife, Annie, of McKinney; and granddaughter Jilian Grace Donovan.

Memorials may be made to Alvord Veterans Park, 340 Greathouse Village, Decatur, TX 76234.