

JENNIFER MCDONEL TESTIMONIAL

When Jim McDonel passed away his family remembered that the only thing he wanted per his funeral instructions, was that the old New Orleans spiritual "Just A Closer Walk with Thee" was played as he entered and left the church.

His daughter-in-law Jennifer, an accomplished musician and Professor of Jazz Studies, found The Casino Players Jazz Ensemble online from her home in Virginia, and arranged for them to accompany her and the church musician in Lebanon Ohio at the service in a Pete Fountain-style performance as she played the clarinet.

The entrance was as a dirge, and the exit had a lively bounce as his celebration of life concluded.

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OVERALL



The performers from Casino players were top-notch musicians in every way. They arrived early, were personable, and followed my directions for performance at my father-in-law's funeral service to a tee. It was a special request, to be sure, but it was also just what he had wanted. Everyone remarked how wonderful the music was and a great celebration of his life. I appreciate them working so flexibly with me to send just the right people needed to make the piece work as it should that day. I would definitely work with them again and give top recommendation!

Review by Jennifer M. FROM LEBANON, OH ON 8/12/2019