



Don "Mac" McDonald

November 7, 1931 - July 29, 2020

Don "Mac" McDonald, age 88, went home to be with his Lord on Wednesday, July 29th, 2020. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 46 years, Mary Elizabeth (McCown), parents Charles and Lillian (Gregory) McDonald, his brothers and sisters-in-law: John Edward, Leslie (Rose), Marvin (Ann), Gene (Patty) and Robert.

Don is survived by his children, Kevin (Cindy) McDonald, Cindy (Richard) Palm and Matthew (Carla) McDonald; his grandchildren, Jennifer (Shaun) Hogan, James (Jennifer) Palm, Kevin (Katie) McDonald II, Rick (Elaine) Palm, Brian Palm (Ann Pulsifer), Caitlin (Jonathan) Sims; 7 great grandchildren Braxton, Hailey, Autumn, Eric, Brody, Jackson, Brett; sister Priscilla "Sue" Jodway; sister-in-law Gail McDonald, brother-in-law James McCown and many nieces and nephews.

Born November 7, 1931 on a dairy farm in Central City, KY he loved the outdoors and spending time with his Grandfather Gregory. Due to the great depression and lack of jobs, his family moved to Detroit, MI in April 1947. He attended Southeastern High School where he was a standout forward on the varsity basketball team.

Mac lived a life of service to his community and country beginning with his induction into the U.S. Army in 1952. He served as a Communications Chief in the 140th Tank Battalion in Korea until he was seriously wounded by a mortar round for which he received the Purple Heart and Silver Star. After his discharge from the military, Mac joined the Detroit Police Department in May of 1954. He rose through the ranks and retired in 1981 as Executive Lieutenant of the Communications Division. After their move to Alabama, he began another career as a mail handler with the U.S. Postal Service and retired after 10 years.

Upon his retirement from the DPD, Mac built Mary her dream home in Ardmore, Alabama. They loved traveling to Hawaii, the Caribbean and Florida with their beloved friends Bill & Fran Peplinski. Their greatest joy was spending time with friends and family – especially their grandkids who they loved so much!

Thank you to the staff at Boulder Creek Assisted Living in Rockford, MI and Andrea, Rob and Brenda at Faith Hospice for the outstanding care they gave Mac. A special thank you to Mac's earthly angels, Brenda, Melissa, Kayleigh, Kathy and Chef Annie at Boulder Creek who went above and beyond in their care for him and held a special place in his heart.

Per his wishes, cremation has taken place. Interment and military service will be held at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI at a future date to be determined.

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand:
The angel said my place was ready, In Heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love.
But when I walked through Heaven's Gates, I felt so much at home,
For God looked down, smiled at me, and told me, "Welcome Home."
So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.

Cemetery

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd

Holly, MI, 48442

Comments



“ Brenda Waite lit a candle in memory of Don "Mac" McDonald



Brenda Waite - July 30 at 03:26 PM



“ I am honored and have been so very blessed to have known you and your beautiful family! I will meet up with you again with our Lord and Savior Jesus and our Heavenly Father! Until that day you will be forever missed Thank you for your hugs, stories, words of encouragement and wisdom, truth and concerns!

Brenda Waite - July 30 at 03:35 PM



“ Thank You for coming into my life, you touched my heart in ways you'll never know. I will truly miss seeing you everyday, our talks & laughs. You're one of the most beautiful souls I've had in my life. I love you, until we meet again

Melissa Bockheim - July 30 at 08:57 PM



“ Mac, thank you for being such a sweetheart and being our friend.
I always loved you and your sweet wife, Mary.
Larry enjoyed your golf times.
Thank you for serving our country and for the outstanding police officer you were.
You will be so missed.
You can rest now..you sure did your work while you were here.

Linda Meadows (Judy) - August 01 at 07:21 PM