



## Mr. Donald Lee McDonald

July 11, 1934 - January 5, 2021

On January 5, 2021, God called Donald Lee McDonald home to be with Him. He was born in Magnolia, Arkansas, to the late Vera McDonald on July 11, 1934.

He was raised by his grandparents, Major and Emma McDonald, of Magnolia, Arkansas.

Donald attended Columbia High School. There, he met the love of his life, Othellas Stephens. Don and Othellas were married on July 25, 1954, and God blessed this union with three children.

Don had a passion for horses. He loved training and riding them. He helped train the only white Tennessee walking horse ever to win the World Tennessee Walking Celebration in Shelbyville, Tennessee, --“White Star” in which he was so proud of. Riding horses were a part of his joy until his health failed him. He was also a member of the “Do Little Riding Club.”

Accepting Christ at an early age, Don joined Mount Tabor Baptist Church, then later united with Homes Near Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Kenny Ross.

Preceding Don in death was his son, Don Wayne; Antonio “Tony” McDonald,

whom he and Othellas raised as their own; four brothers and four sisters.

Those left to cherish his memories are: his loving wife of 66 years, Othellas McDonald of Magnolia, Arkansas; sons, Marcus (Renee') McDonald of Little Rock, Arkansas, Donny (Pat) McDonald and Earl Dean McDonald both of Magnolia, Arkansas; daughters, Sharon (Cleodis) Gaston of North Little Rock, Arkansas, and Sandra Witcher of Los Angeles, California; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends who will miss him dearly.

Graveside Celebration of Life services will be held Saturday, January 9th, 2021, at 23rd Psalms Cemetery in Magnolia, Arkansas at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Marcus McDonald eulogist.

Visitation will be Friday, {Jan.8th}, from 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, "Everyone Is Required To Wear A Mask While Attending The Services and During Visitation Hours". This ensures safety for you and others. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

# Previous Events

## Graveside service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

23rd Psalms Cemetery  
Columbia Rd # 30 East  
Magnolia, AR

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ Donald used to shoe my horse when I was a teenager about 58 years ago. He was a fine man.

Mahlan McGough Brazill - April 12, 2021 at 11:55 PM

MS

“ Mike Harkrider ( Cable Man Suddenlink lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald



Mike Harkrider ( Cable Man Suddenlink - February 10, 2021 at 11:57 PM

MM

“ Sending heart felt condolences to the McDonald family. Praying for your strength.



Margie Warren Moore - January 10, 2021 at 03:31 AM

CH

“ CharlesAnn Hankton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald



CharlesAnn Hankton - January 09, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ *Dianne Williamson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald*



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**Dianne Williamson** - January 09, 2021 at 10:18 AM



“ *Prayers and condolences to the family..... so many wonderful memories over the years. 🙏*



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**Tyree Watkins** - January 09, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ *May God bless you and your family*

*Betty Perry from Dallas tx*

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**Betty Perry** - January 08, 2021 at 11:40 PM



“ *Prayers and Condolences to Mr. Don McDonald's Family. May You Be Comforted during your time of Bereavement.*

*Terry Scott-Hill*

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**Terry Hill** - January 08, 2021 at 10:07 PM

TH

“ Terry Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald



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**Terry Hill** - January 08, 2021 at 09:53 PM

MF

“ Sending prayers and sympathy to the McDonald Family

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**Mary Barrow & Family** - January 08, 2021 at 08:40 PM

EC

“ Edna Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald



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**Edna Collins** - January 08, 2021 at 08:06 PM

KG

“ My Condolences to The McDonald’s and Family.  
Rest In Peace and Love Mr. Don, as You enter thru  
“The Golden Gates To Heaven” your Grandson Tony McDonald (R.I.P) with his “Big Kool-Aid Smile” Will Be There To Welcome You To Your New Home In Paradise where it will be no more pain and suffering.  
Last but not least, Thank You For Sharing Your Horses with us and the Great Entertainment You Gave To The Peoples at the “Columbia County Parade” on the Square.  
No One Could Make They Horse Dance Like  
” Don Lee McDonald “ R.I.P



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**kelly Gentry** - January 08, 2021 at 05:13 PM

AM

“ Our thoughts, prayers, and condolences are extended to the McDonald family during this time of loss and sadness. May God comfort you with His everlasting love, peace, and strength today and in the many days ahead.  
May you find consolation in the Word of God in John 14: 1-3.



With love and prayers,  
Apostle Glenn Maxwell & Elect Lady Rochelle Maxwell &  
Spirit Led Apostolic Church

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**Apostle Glenn Maxwell** - January 08, 2021 at 04:13 PM

MC

“ *Michael Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald*




Michael Clayton - January 08, 2021 at 04:11 PM

LR

“ *LeRoy&Peggy Rudd sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald*



LeRoy&Peggy Rudd - January 08, 2021 at 04:07 PM

 Barbara McBride

“ *MY CONDOLENECES TO YOUR FAMILY.MR DON WAS A GREAT MAN WITH THE MOST INFECTIOUS SMILE.*



Barbara McBride - January 08, 2021 at 03:12 PM

ES

“ *MR. MC DONALD WAS LIKE A FATHER TO ME. HE HELPED ME IN MANY WAS. HE HAS BEEN SO HELPFUL TO SO MANY PEOPLE. HE IS WITH THE LORD. PEACE IS SO GRATEFUL FOR ALL PEOPLE.  
FAMILY MY HEART IS WITH YOU ALL.....*

ELSTON STRONG - January 08, 2021 at 01:31 PM

GB

“ We thank God for the many great memories that we shared with our cousin Don from the trips to Magnolia for family gatherings and summer vacations. May God continue to comfort, strengthen, and give the family peace during this time of bereavement. God is with you. (John 3:16 & 17) Love, Charles & Gwen Bowden



gwen bowden - January 08, 2021 at 12:52 PM

CW

“ To the McDonald Family, my sincere prayers and sympathy to you all. We have beautiful memories of Mr. Don, your family and our family that will last forever! We are forever grateful. With love from the Williamson Family



Carla Williamson - January 08, 2021 at 09:47 AM

HH

“ 'Mr. Don', as he was so affectionately known, was known all over the states of Arkansas and Michigan as the 'man with the horses' and he definitely knew how to handle, train, dress and ride them! 'Mr. Don' was the Uber of the 70's and 80's transporting all of the children to/from Vacation Bible Schools all over Columbia County. Parents never had to worry about their children when in his care because, even though he was a disciplinarian, he was also a man of humor and he looked out for them. He loved his boys and all of his grandchildren and great grands and it was evident in his possessive and protective nature. Prayers to his beautiful and dutiful wife, his sons, Marcus and Donnie, and all of his beautiful grands. Rest in peace, 'Mr. Don'.

Holly (Rogers) Harris - January 08, 2021 at 09:03 AM

BS

“ *Bea Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald*



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**Bea Smith** - January 08, 2021 at 12:11 AM

BS

“ *Bea Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald*



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**Bea Smith** - January 08, 2021 at 12:10 AM

BW

“ *Our prayers are with the family of Brother Donald McDonald. Sister McDonald and family we encourage you to look to the Hills for strength because He will take good care of His own. Brother McDonald was a friendly gentleman who never met a stranger. God bless the family. God bless you. Much love, Billy & Patricia Williams*

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**Billy & Patricia Williams** - January 07, 2021 at 11:55 PM

CC

“ Cynthia Carter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald



Cynthia Carter - January 07, 2021 at 11:12 PM

AT

“ Andre Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald



Andre Tucker - January 07, 2021 at 10:55 PM

FT

“ Fredrick Talley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald



Fredrick Talley - January 07, 2021 at 10:27 PM

DF

“ Dianne Fields lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald



Dianne Fields - January 07, 2021 at 06:33 PM

DW

“ *Deborah White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald*



Deborah White - January 07, 2021 at 06:33 PM

ML

“ *Monica Love sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald*



Monica Love - January 07, 2021 at 06:18 PM

TC

“ *TAMMI COOPER sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald*



TAMMI COOPER - January 07, 2021 at 04:25 PM

KJ

“ *Kenny Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald*



Kenny Johnson - January 07, 2021 at 03:45 PM

TS

“ Rest in Paradise 🕊️ You will truly be missed, great childhood memories of taking us to the barn, riding us in the back of the truck. Sending all our love to our family in this hour & forever more!  
Love Always,  
Tajuana, Kenneth, Keon, & Keeland



Tajuana Sharp - January 07, 2021 at 03:27 PM

MP

“ Mary S. Pickings lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald



Mary S. Pickings - January 07, 2021 at 03:26 PM

GJ

“ My condolences to the McDonald Family! Gladys Talley Jones & Family:) Bellflower, Ca



Gladys Talley Jones - January 07, 2021 at 01:46 PM

GC

“ Gwen Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald



Gwen Carter - January 07, 2021 at 11:52 AM

VJ

“ *Vevelyn Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald*



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**Vevelyn Jackson** - January 07, 2021 at 10:54 AM

MS

“ *My prayers are with the family*



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**maurice strong** - January 07, 2021 at 12:04 AM



“ *Praying for the family*



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**Shavone Aubrey** - January 06, 2021 at 06:04 PM

MM

“ *Marvin Mallory lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald*



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**Marvin Mallory** - January 06, 2021 at 04:45 PM

PM

“ *Peggy Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald*



Peggy Morris - January 06, 2021 at 04:32 PM

GT

“ *Gracie W Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald*



Gracie W Tucker - January 06, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ *Sherry Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald*



Sherry Marshall - January 06, 2021 at 12:09 PM

CG

“ *Carol Garland sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Lee McDonald*



Carol Garland - January 06, 2021 at 11:48 AM

LE

“ There was no one like Mr McDonald. One of my favorite memories of him was to the hometown parades to watch him make his horses do a soulful dance. It always amaze me of how he taught his horses to dance. He was an excellent father. In honor of one my best friends Donahue. Keep the faith.

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**LaQuendia Edwards** - January 06, 2021 at 09:23 AM

CG

*My condolences to the McDonald and Stephens families. Cal Marie*

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**cal grigsby** - January 10, 2021 at 09:41 PM