



Duane E. McDonald Sr

April 14, 1934 - April 15, 2021

Duane E. McDonald Sr., age 87 of Cambridge, passed away on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at Astoria Place of Cambridge. He was born on April 14, 1934 in Akron, a son of the late Donald E. McDonald and Margaret Elizabeth (Cunningham) McDonald.

Duane was an ardent sports fan who loved the Buckeyes, Reds and Dallas Cowboys. He enjoyed watching about any kind of sport. Playing softball and coaching baseball, was a great bowler and loved spending time golfing with his son, grandson and friends. For 30 years he refereed high school football, many a Friday night was spent on the football field. An expert crossword puzzler his entire life, he could finish a Sunday New York Times crossword in record time! Any trivia question was within his knowledge and loved using odd and uncommon words, just to flummox you. In the 60's, he got involved in community theater acting in several plays with a real passion for musicals like "Oklahoma," "South Pacific", or "The Music Man". He would suddenly break out in song to "Some Enchanted Evening" much to the chagrin of his listeners. To celebrate occasions, like birthdays, retirement or weddings, he composed poems which he proudly read at the events. Having a mighty sweet tooth, he never met a donut he didn't like which went nicely with his bottomless cup of coffee which was constantly with him. Duane was a unique and quirky guy who will be missed. He always said the most important things in life are: family, faith and friends. Amen to that!

Duane proudly served his country in the U.S. Naval Reserves from 1952 to

1960. He was an insurance adjuster for Motorist Mutual Insurance Co and had also worked at Southeastern Printing.

He is preceded in death by his wife Garey Lou (Baker) McDonald on July 13, 2003, they were married on June 4, 1954. Besides his wife and parents, he was also preceded in death by a brother James McDonald.

Surviving are: daughter Colleen Kay (Cliff) Madewell of Cambridge,; two sons, Duane E. (Brenda) McDonald Jr. of Cincinnati and William D. (Donna) McDonald of California; three grandchildren Amanda Lea McDonald, McKenzie Kay (Adam) McDonald and Duane E. III (Maura) McDonald; a great granddaughter Macy Valentine McDonald; a sister Marilyn Jean (Chris) McCormick of Cambridge; and a sister-in-law Lil McDonald of Cambridge.

Visitation will be on Monday, April 19, 2021 at Bundy-Law Funeral Home from 11 am to 1 pm with the service beginning at 1 pm. Pastor Tina Gallaher will officiate with burial to follow in Northwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Guernsey County Senior Center at 1022 Carlisle Avenue Cambridge, Ohio 43725. Duane's online guest book may be viewed and signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Northwood Cemetery

10th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home
120 North 11th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725
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Funeral Services

APR 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Condolences to the family Duane was a very pleasant guy , I met him when he came up to assisted living we had alot of talks at night while taking care of him and always made him coffee. Will miss him*



Michelle Barnett - April 21, 2021 at 08:00 PM

JY

“ *I met Duane after I retired from Motorist Mutual Insurance Company in 2004 and started attending the retirees luncheons and breakfasts. Duane introduced himself to me and we frequently sat together at these events . He was always interested in what I was doing and told me what was going on in Cambridge. I have missed seeing him these past few years since the Motorist retirees breakfasts were discontinued. Please accept my condolences at his passing.*

*John F. Young
Columbus*

John F. Young - April 19, 2021 at 01:27 PM

JT

“ *Duane was a friend and I am very sad that Covid prevented our spending more time together. It breaks my heart that I didn't get a chance to see him since March 2020. We met at the Westerville Senior Center where we often lunched together and played bridge. He was kind, articulate and a good bridge player! I miss him. Judie Taylor, Westerville, Ohio*

Judith Taylor - April 19, 2021 at 11:05 AM

NG

“ Russ and I were sad to hear of Duane's passing. He was always fun to be around at Messiah. We remember you all fondly and thank God for the opportunity to know you.

Nancy Goulet - April 19, 2021 at 10:19 AM

SD

“ Thanks for all the great memories, Duane.

Steve Doherty

Steve Doherty - April 19, 2021 at 09:33 AM

LM

“ When at Church of the Messiah, Duane and I went out of our way to greet one another. To me, he was a gentleman's gentleman - a person not to be forgotten. His passing comes as a shock. To Duane, Jr. and Brenda, you have my deepest sympathy. I share in your loss.

Les Mann

Les Mann - April 18, 2021 at 09:51 PM

EW

“ Eddy Wacek sent a virtual gift in memory of Duane E. McDonald Sr



Eddy Wacek - April 18, 2021 at 09:24 PM

EW

“ We were honored to meet Duane a few times, and can see his legacy in the strong family values running through the generations. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. God Bless.

-Eddy and Cindy Wacek

Eddy Wacek - April 18, 2021 at 09:24 PM

AC

“ Remembering my friend Duane who was always there for me during good times and bad. I will always have the memories of my softball teammate and the times we watched Ohio State football games on TV together and attended band concerts in the park. You will never be forgotten as my friend. Prayers to the Duane McDonald family from Ann Collins.

Ann Collins - April 17, 2021 at 09:48 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Duane E. McDonald, Sr., give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Navy Reserve Veteran, Duane E. McDonald, Sr., is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - April 17, 2021 at 07:18 AM

RG

Our prayers are with Duane's loved ones! A great Gentleman and friend. Ron and Sharon Guthrie.

Ron Guthrie - April 17, 2021 at 10:59 AM

DL

I didn't know Duane but I am a classmate of his sister, Marilyn. My sister, DeMeril Secrest was a classmate of Duane's and spoke very highly of him. I think the same of Marilyn. My deepest sympathy to the family. Dixie Secrest Lodge

Dixie Lodge - April 19, 2021 at 11:26 AM

GM

“ *Kay, sincerest sympathy for the loss of your father.*

Glenn Murgatroyd - April 16, 2021 at 10:53 PM