



Vernon L. 'John' McDonald

May 18, 1924 - February 14, 2013

Vernon L. "John" McDonald, age 88, a resident of Royal Oak, died February 14, 2013 at Boulevard Health Center in Rochester Hills. He was born May 18, 1924 in Maysville, WV to the late David and Cora McDonald. Mr. McDonald was a World War II U.S. Army veteran who received a Purple Heart. He was the owner of the family business "AAA – McDonald Tree Service" in Royal Oak. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a great musician and loved his pickled bologna and flying he had his pilots license. But most of all, he loved his family. He is survived by his wife, Doris L. Johnston McDonald; the couple married October 27, 1956 in Angola, IN; children, Leonard Stewart, Robert Kathryn Stewart, Linda Larry Serapilia, Vernon Liesa McDonald, Jr., Loretta Curt Cwiek, Rockie McDonald, Kimberly Kurt Kaminski, John McDonald and Loleta McDonald; 19 grandchildren; and 6 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by 1 sister and 3 brothers. The visitation will be Sunday 1-8 p.m. and service Monday 11 a.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W Eleven Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Burial at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak. Memorials to the Michigan Humane Society are appreciated.

Tribute Wall

SG

“ I met John, years ago, as a young Royal Oak Police Officer. He was probably one of the strongest men I ever met. He used to amaze me as he forced tree trunks around with his bare hands. A great guy to talk to and very entertaining. I miss his stories!

Steve Gold - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ I will miss the long talks about trees and hunting. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Chris LaFountain and family

Chris LaFountain - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Papa, Growing up, I had the opportunity to spend a lot of time with you, and for that, I am eternally grateful. I'll miss you a lot, but we'll meet again in Heaven. I'm sure you're telling all of the angels your jokes right now, you were a funny man! I love you so much, and I'm just really glad that you're happy now. Love, Heather

Heather Modlinski - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ So many hours, evenings and weekends sitting upstairs listening to your music filled my teen years. What a wonderful legacy you have left through your children and your music. My thoughts, prayers and love are with you all.

Michelle Howlett Sowa - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ John, now that you're up in heaven with my mom & dad would you please pick them a tune on the banjo, or strum a few on the guitar? I know my mom's been missing that for so long now.

Denise Dupuie Vaught - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Your music will live on through me daddy! You can count on that!! I am going to miss you so much. It will seem like forever for me till we see eachother in heaven but it will only be moments for you:- give Gaga,Jack and the rest all my love! Oceans of love! Your baby girl. XOXO

Loleta Mcdonald - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ "We'll be together again Dad." Love, your Susie ð???

Loretta Cwiek - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM