



## Bill McDonald

January 4, 1941 - December 10, 2020

William Thomas "Bill" McDonald Jr., age 79, and longtime resident of Royal Oak, passed away December 10, 2020.

Beloved husband of Jeanne McDonald. Loving father of William (Beth) and Kim (Brad) Smith. Proud grandfather of William, Halle, Sean, and Frankie. Great-grandfather of Elliot, Isaac, and Oliver. Predeceased by his parents, William McDonald Sr. and Marjory McDonald (née Gregory).

Bill will be remembered as one who lived life to the fullest. He was the life of the party and quick witted, with a great sense of humor. He was often happiest when he was playing golf or spending time out on the lake at his house Up North.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, December 17, from 11:00 a.m. until time of service, 2:00 p.m., at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Road (4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Interment will follow at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak.

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# Cemetery Details

## Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street  
(south of 12 Mile Road)  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

DEC 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

Oakview Cemetery  
1032 N. Main Street  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Kim, Billy and family,

*We were so lucky to have your dad & mother our next door neighbors at the lake.*

*We became best of friends very quickly, and had so much in common, so much fun together, shared meals a lot, we all knew the first thing your dad would say after starting the meal with salad, he'd say "salad is all I need, I love salad", we'd all laugh. We enjoyed how relaxed our time together was. We spent spring, summer, fall, winters, New Years Eve's, birthday's, celebrations, holidays and sad time together. Our kats loved Bill, he kept a stash of tuna fish for them, whenever our kats were missing, we'd know they were at Bills. It'd be happy hour time and over would come Bill with two buck chuck. Loved it all. Loved getting to know his friends and family. All of our family and friends loved your dad as we did.*

*We're going to miss your dad so very much, his stories, his witty sense of humor and sometimes grumpy. He definitely was Mr. Detroit, and he was proud of it. We are all so blessed that your dad was part of our lives for all of the years we had him.*

*Our deepest sympathy. Boda boom boda bing!*

*Love, Sharlene and Roger*

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**Sharlene L Pallick** - December 18, 2020 at 03:01 PM

GG

“ *Bill and I shared many great times throughout our 60+ years of knowing each other. Without him my life would have been much duller. I'll miss you Bill. ~ Gordon Groth*

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**Gordon Groth** - December 16, 2020 at 09:44 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bill McDonald.*



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December 16, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ *Sharlene, Roger, Tadd, Salma, Kurt & Tom purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Bill McDonald.*



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**Sharlene, Roger, Tadd, Salma, Kurt & Tom** - December 15, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bill McDonald.*



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December 15, 2020 at 10:54 AM

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“ This so true of Bill “Bill will be remembered as one who lived life to the fullest. He was the life of the party and quick witted, with a great sense of humor. He was often happiest when he was playing golf or spending time out on the lake at his house Up North”. Bill was a good friend of my father’s (Donald Eggen) and I was lucky to have met Bill through him. I remember a great time on Bill’s pontoon on the lake at the up north house, with my father before he passed away in 2003; Bill was for sure the life of the party and I will always remember that fun trip with him, my father and others. Bill loved to tease me and always made me laugh when I had occasion to see him; he will be very missed.

Alana Eggen - December 14, 2020 at 04:50 PM

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“ Leslie Haase & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bill McDonald.



Leslie Haase & Family - December 14, 2020 at 12:55 PM

LH

“ Bill was not only my cousin he was my first babysitter. When Bill and Jeanne moved in across the street from my parent’s house on Symes, I ended up being their babysitter for darling Kimmy and Billy. He also was my hero when I had locked myself out of the house and he climbed in an open window to save the day. He will be missed by family always. Love from Leslie, to Jeanne, Billy, Kim and family.💔

Leslie Haase - December 14, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bill McDonald.*



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December 13, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ *Bill and I spent alot of time together in Florida,with family and a lot of friends.1979 Ft Lauderdale to Deerfield Beach.We had alot of fun doing our thing.RIP say hello to everbody.Edward Collica*

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**Edward Collica** - December 13, 2020 at 04:36 PM