



William Jay McDonald

July 7, 1934 - October 5, 2018

William Jay McDonald, of Cedarville, Michigan, went to be with the Lord on October 5, 2018, at home (Cedar Cove Assisted Living) at the age of 84. He was born, July 7, 1934, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to William Lloyd and Isabelle (Batho) McDonald.

Bill grew up in Pickford and graduated from Pickford High School. He married the love of his life Yvonne Izzard May 19, 1956, and Cedarville became their home. He worked for US Steel during the construction of the quarry in Cedarville. He also worked on the Mackinac Bridge construction prior to serving two years in the US Army in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After returning home, he worked various construction jobs and well drilling until he returned to the Cedarville Quarry where he retired in 1997.

Bill was a long time member of First Union Church where he served as an Elder for several years. His faith in Lord was strong. He was a member of the Trojan Booster Club for many years, a charter member of the Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club and had been an active member of the Les Cheneaux Lions Club.

His enjoyments were spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He enjoyed hunting, snowmobiling, dancing and attending local sporting events. He will be remembered as a loving husband,

father, and grandfather, and as a caring person who was always ready to offer support and helping hand. He will also be remembered for his great sense of humor.

Bill is survived by his wife, Yvonne; son Randy McDonald of Cedarville; daughters, Rhonda (Bernie) Miller of Waterville, Vermont, Shelley (Jeff) Promo of Hessel, Michigan, and Tracy Reichlin of Cedarville; niece, Jodi Izzard; six grandchildren, Nathan (Tristina) Smith, Dylan McDonald, Kevin and Sienna Reichlin, Daryl Miller, and Tracie Hultgren; seven great grandchildren; brother, Gary (Ellie) McDonald; sisters, Sharon (Don) Thompson and Kathy (Steve) Fountain; step sister, Boots Carr; brothers in law, Glen Izzard and Howard Craft; and sister in law, Jackie Smith; as well as numerous nieces and nephews, and special cousin, Don Sterling.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; his baby daughter, Donna Corrine; step mother, Lempi McDonald; sisters, Vera Taylor and Corrine Fountain; half brother Leo Kemp; and dear friend and Uncle Melbourne Williams.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 9, from 1 P.M. until 3:00 P.M. with a Memorial Service following at 3:00 P.M. at the First Union Church in Cedarville with Pastor Jeff Meyers conducting the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Union Church, P.O. Box 426, Cedarville, MI 49719 or Cedar Cove Assisted Living, P.O. Box 580, Cedarville, MI 49719.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 S. M-129
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Gathering Time

OCT 9. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

First Union Church
159 E. Hodeck Street
Cedarville, MI 49719

Memorial Service

OCT 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Jay McDonald*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *William Jay McDonald*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *William Jay McDonald*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Jay McDonald.*



October 08, 2018 at 05:05 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Jay McDonald.*



October 08, 2018 at 01:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *William Jay McDonald*.



October 08, 2018 at 08:34 AM



“ *Ojibwe Charter School* purchased the *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* for the family of *William Jay McDonald*.



Ojibwe Charter School - October 08, 2018 at 08:04 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of *William Jay McDonald*.



October 08, 2018 at 07:45 AM



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



October 07, 2018 at 10:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Jay McDonald.*



October 07, 2018 at 10:39 PM



“ *Earthly goodbyes are difficult but heavenly reunions will be grand! With thoughts and prayers for the whole family.*
Jim and Ruth Bolin
South Dakota

Ruth Bolin - October 07, 2018 at 02:55 PM



“ *Shelley, Tracy and family,*

I am sorry to hear about your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Cheryl Adams

Cheryl Adams - October 07, 2018 at 12:25 AM



So sorry to hear about Bill . Yvonne and family we send our love and prayers at this sad time . He will be missed by all of us , .I remember the great times we had visiting with you and Bill last summer with Dad . Love you so much Yvonne .. your extended family , Yvonne and Tom Buchholtz .

Yvonne Buchholtz - October 08, 2018 at 10:10 PM

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“ *As he rests in the peace of Our Lord ; we want to thank God for allowing us to have Bill in our life. We are remembering times of visiting, working, worshiping and singing praises. He was a good friend. Bob and Audrey*

Bob and Audrey Fisher - October 06, 2018 at 05:22 PM