



Leonard McDonald

April 22, 1949 - September 8, 2024

Leonard McDonald, 75, passed away surrounded by family and friends on September 8, 2024. He was born on April 22, 1949 in Laurel, MS. He was married to his beloved wife of 56 years, Edna Cummings McDonald.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Melba Sue and Richard Vieira; his biological father, Levi McDonald; his sister, Janice Lovenbury; father and mother-in-law, Joseph and Anna Cummings, sister-in-law, Dr. Sharon McDonald; and brother-in-law, William Devlin.

He is survived his wife, Edna Cummings McDonald; daughters, Lisa Gantz-Benson (David) and Lenora Henry (Brian Jeske); grandchildren, Kayla Gantz Jamieson (Devin), Felisa McDonald (Dayshia Hopkins), Dakota Benson, Tristen Henry, Shelby Benson, and Autumn Henry (Hayden Knotts); great-grandsons, Andrew Jamieson and Perigrin Jamieson. Survivors also include Domenic Parent whom he considered an honorary son; brothers and sisters, Linda Lawrence (Raymond), Bryant McDonald, Jean Garcia (Dennis), Brent McDonald (Pam), and Lewis McDonald; brothers and sisters-in-law, James Lovenbury, Nancy Devlin, Joseph Cummings, Jr., Cheryl Pitts, and Gary Cummings, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was "Papa" to many children who loved him and maintained that love throughout their adult years.

He was a proud veteran of the United States Army. During his service, he was a mechanic in the motor pool while proudly serving in Korea.

His love of the Lord and family never wavered. Education and his belief in the

Lord was of the utmost importance in the raising of his children.

He held the position of head mechanic for the city of Providence, RI for the fire, rescue, and police departments.

He loved to ride his motorcycle and had a passion for riding. He belonged to the biker club named Saints in Providence, RI in which he held the position of Master of Arms.

Leonard studied martial arts, particularly, Kenpo Karate, training under Grandmaster Nick Cerio, earning his first degree black belt. His class of eight were Grandmaster Nick Cerio's first black belts. He continued and earned his second and third degree black belts in Kenpo Kabuto Karate under Grandmaster Soke Eugene R. Coutu, who was a lifelong friend.

He moved back to Laurel, MS to "get back to his roots" in which he lived the last 35 years of his life. During these years, he was an active member of the local VFW, American Legion, and the Loyal Order of the Moose until his health started to waiver. He was a security guard for Howard Industries until his retirement.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respect at Memory Chapel of Laurel, MS on Saturday, September 14th from 5-8 pm. Funeral services will be at Memory Chapel on Sunday, September 15th at 2 pm with burial to follow at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Laurel, MS.

Pallbearers will be David Benson, Brian Jeske, Dakota Benson, Hayden Knotts, Ray Meadows, and Domenic Parent. Honorary pallbearers will be Tristen Henry and Albert Meadows.

To sign the online guest book, visit: www.memorychapellaurel.com

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens Cemetery

2151 US-184
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **14**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

Service

SEP **15**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Whimpy I never forgot you I know you are with the Lord I remember the days we road with the Saints motor cycle club and karate with my cousin Frank cerio*

Tony Branca - September 14, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ *Writing this for my mother and father, Anita and Eugene Coutu. They do not have Facebook.*

Our hearts are so broken for the loss of our dear friend Leonard, known to us as Whimpy, he was a wonderful friend for many years. Our hearts go out to his wife Edna and his daughters and grandkids. He was a very funny guy and great friend, especially to my husband Eugene who's known him for over 50 years. He will forever be in our hearts and we will never forget him. To his wife especially we love you Edna, please be strong we are here for you. Love Anita and Eugene ❤️

Renee Mazzone - September 13, 2024 at 02:49 PM



“ *To Edna, Lenora, Lisa, and family. I'm so sorry for your loss of whimpy.. he was a great man and I will never forget him. Love you all so much.*

Renee Mazzone - September 13, 2024 at 02:44 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard McDonald.*



September 12, 2024 at 10:55 PM



“ *Cotovanu & Henry Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Leonard McDonald.*



Cotovanu & Henry Family - September 12, 2024 at 09:24 PM



“ *I love you papa and you will forever be missed. I loved riding motorcycles with you and midnight snacks. I love you papa thanks for being a dad to me when my dad wasn't.*



Felisa McDonald - September 12, 2024 at 09:02 PM



“ *I'm gonna miss you grandpa. You was a great man. It's gonna be hard but ur at peace now. We all love you and never gonna forget you.*

Domenic Parent - September 12, 2024 at 07:03 PM

BD

“ Brooke Murray and Jason Dick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Leonard McDonald.

Brooke Murray and Jason Dick - September 12, 2024 at 05:01 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Leonard McDonald.



September 12, 2024 at 05:01 PM

CP

“ Edna, Lisa, Lenora and all the kids, I'm so sorry that Lenny has passed away, He's no longer in any pain, and no more worry, Edna and the family you have stepped up and took very very good care of Lenny when he needed you the most, He appreciated every single one of you, Edna, you showed him a beautiful life and you were there until the very end, always taken care of him, loving him and you did a beautiful job, Lenny has been apart of my life since I was a toddler and I always looked up to him as my hero and my big brother, He was always there for me and I will cherish the last time we got together and had dinner by the fireplace at Iggy's restaurant, Thank you Lenny for helping Kevin & I move into our first apartment, Thank you for always including me to all your fancy restaurants and thank you for the love, Lenny you will be missed. Rest In Peace my Brother 🙏

Cheryl Pitts - September 12, 2024 at 04:00 PM

GC

“ *My Deepest condolences to The entire McDonald Family Lenny you'll be missed and I'll see ya on the other side Have the coffee ready and dust off the drums Love Gary*

Gary L Cummings - September 12, 2024 at 08:32 AM

JC

Mr Lenny you Will be Missed !! You were loved by many. Your family and and your friends you touch many people's hearts 💕 we love you Erik And I will always hold your memories in our hearts 💕 Fly high.

James clark - September 12, 2024 at 04:05 PM