



## Dr. Robert L. Donald Jr.

August 22, 1931 - April 3, 2023

Robert “Bob” Lee Donald, Jr. D. D.S. went home to Jesus on April 3rd at age 91. Dr. Donald joins his wife, Mary Virginia Donald, and his youngest daughter, Judy Donald Clark, in Heaven. He is survived by Kathy Donald Wigley (Cumming, GA) and Cindy Lee Powell (Vernon Hills, IL), his grandchildren: Amanda Collette (Patrick), Kristin Vrieswyk (Jacob), Thomas Ruffin (Finée), Will Clark (Shelley), and Virginia Powell, as well as his great-grandchildren: Laurel Collette, Elise Collette, Victoria Ruffin, Ellie Clark and Evie Clark.

Bob Donald was born in Vossburg, MS in 1932. His father owned a pulp wood company and Dr. Bob had fond memories of his time working with his dad. He attended college at the prodding of his father at Mississippi State University and then continued his education at Emory University, where he completed dental school. Dr. Bob enjoyed a short stint in the US Army and credits his time there with many of his successful dental practices. As a dentist, he served on the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners in Jackson and was elected as President of the Board of Dentistry for multiple terms. He was a lifelong member of the Mississippi Dental Association and a member of the prestigious, invitation-only, Southern Academy of Oral Surgery. He owned a private dental practice in Laurel, MS where he dedicated his dental expertise and skill to the community for over 50 years. His hands were never idle. He lovingly labored at his catfish farm in Ellisville during his free time and was

always growing something in the garden or building or repairing a pond on his tractor. You could always find him “at the farm” if he wasn’t “at the office.” Our favorite PawPaw specialty was his boiled peanuts, but others may say it was the turkeys and hams he smoked each fall.

Dr. Bob was also a lifelong member of Franklin United Methodist Church. He and his wife generously devoted their time to the church and its events. Dr. Bob’s faith became foundational to him throughout his life and he found solace in hearing the Lord’s words nightly through his bible CD’s. Dr. Bob loved his family and his friends and never ended a conversation without reminding them of that love. He will be missed, but our hope is this, “those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.” Isaiah 40:31

A celebration of his life will be held at Franklin United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 8th, at 2:00 PM, with burial to follow at Lake Park Hills Cemetery. Memory Chapel Funeral Home will host a visitation on Friday, April 7th, from 5:00-7:00 pm.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lake Park Hills Cemetery

2806 Emmy Dr.  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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

APR 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Franklin United Methodist Church  
805 Northview Drive  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Tribute Wall

CE

“ *Charlotte Ellzey lit a candle in memory of Robert L. Donald Jr.*



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**Charlotte Ellzey** - April 19, 2023 at 08:45 PM

JD

“ *We will miss Bob. He was such a good person and fun to be around. May you rest in peace with the Lord.*

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**Jeff Donald** - April 08, 2023 at 09:50 AM

GG

“ *My family and i bought our home on Franklin Avenue here in Laurel from Dr Donald and his family. We lived in that house for over 50 years. We thought the world of Dr Bob.*

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**Ginny Gough** - April 08, 2023 at 01:14 AM

GG

“ *Ginny Gough lit a candle in memory of Robert L. Donald Jr.*



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**Ginny Gough** - April 08, 2023 at 01:10 AM

JL

“ Dr. Donald, Bob was not only my dentist for many, many years but also a dear friend. Bob's catfish farm was next to our farm and we both shared a passion for farming. Bob was a good Christian man and has helped many an individual in his life and will be greatly missed. I have all the family in my thoughts & prayers. In Christian Love, Jerry Lyon

Jerry E. Lyon - April 07, 2023 at 03:47 PM

AK

“ I worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Donald straight off the street. He trained me “his way” and I learned so much from him. He was always patient and kind to me and I truly enjoyed working under him for 5 years! I will always remember the skills he taught me! I loved him dearly

Angela Ashley Kelley - April 07, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert L. Donald Jr..



April 06, 2023 at 11:33 PM

JV

“ Cindy and Kathy I am so sorry to hear about your dad's death. My mother (Mary Donald High) talked highly of him and was one of his great follower. He was an outstanding community member.  
You are in my prayers. Jimmie High Vrazsity (cousin) Denver, Colorado



Jimmie Vrazsity - April 06, 2023 at 01:56 PM

PW

“ Cindy and Kathy so sorry to hear about your Father passing away. Prayers for you and your families. Perri and Brian Wood

Perri Boteler Wood - April 06, 2023 at 09:02 AM

JT

“ Janet Thornhill lit a candle in memory of Robert L. Donald Jr.



Janet Thornhill - April 06, 2023 at 12:48 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert L. Donald Jr..



April 05, 2023 at 02:18 PM

LW

“ A truly Godly man and devoted Father. Your family is in my heart and thoughts as you manage the next few days. Love and Hugs . May God Bless you and give you strength.  
*Leah Walters—Doggett*

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**Leah Walters-/Doggett** - April 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM

BH

“ It was a joy knowing Dr. Donald. We loved his stories about his youth. He will be missed. Prayers for all of his family! <3

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**Barbara Hancock** - April 05, 2023 at 09:14 AM

FC

“ We have missed him as our neighbor since he had to move from his house on Northview. He loved tending his fruit trees, smoking his meats that he shared and visiting as he rode his tractor and golf cart. May God be with his family as they adjust to life without this dear man. Grace and peace.

*Ralph and Fay Campbell*

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**Fay C. Campbell** - April 04, 2023 at 09:15 PM

SE

“ Prayers for daughters, grandchildren and all who loved Dr. Donald. Dr. Donald was my dentist for more than forty years, and I loved, respected and appreciated him. God bless him and all of family!

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**Sarah Entrekin** - April 04, 2023 at 06:12 PM