



Frederick McDonald

June 14, 2019

Frederick (Fred) B. McDonald, 88, of Fall River, passed away on Friday, June 14, 2019, at the Catholic Memorial Home after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was the husband of forty-three years to Susan A. (Shea) McDonald.

Frederick was born in Fall River, the son of the late Thomas and Charlotte (Barker) McDonald. Fred graduated from Sacred Heart School, Coyle High School and Thibodeau Business College. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in textile engineering from the Bradford Durfee Technical Institute. Mr. McDonald worked in the textile field for a number of years before serving in the United States Navy. Fred then earned his Master's degree in education from Bridgewater State College and embarked on a career in education. He taught sixth grade at the Doran School and later became the principal of the Healy School. His last assignment was the Ralph M. Small School where he served as principal for several decades.

After retiring he served on the board of Ninth Street Day Nursery and also the Holy Name School Board. For a time, he served as Vice President for the UMASS Dartmouth Retirement Board and President for the Charlton Memorial Auxiliary. He enjoyed spending time with his wife, family and friends, watching baseball, gardening, traveling especially to the Cape and Bermuda, live theatre and concerts. He will be fondly remembered for his pleasant smile, kind demeanor, and interest in the lives of his former students.

The family would like to thank the entire staff of Unit 6 at the Catholic Memorial Home for the excellent care and compassion.

He is survived by his wife, Susan, and 3 sisters-in-law; Ellen Shea, Tillie McDonald, and Millie McDonald, several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of Thomas, Vincent, Charlotte and Joseph McDonald.

His Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2019, at 9am, from the Hathaway Home for Funerals, 1813 Robeson Street, Fall River, followed by a Mass of Christian

burial at 10am in Holy Name Church, 709 Hanover Street, Fall River. Relatives and friends are invited to attend, burial to follow with Military Honors in Saint Patrick Cemetery, Fall River.

Calling Hours will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, from 4-7pm, in the funeral home.

Memorial donations in his memory can be made to either the Catholic Memorial Home % Activities Fund, 2446 Highland Ave. Fall River, MA 02720 or UMASS Dartmouth % Tia Bullard at the Office of University Advancement, for Textile Engineering Majors, 283 Old Westport Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747.

Events

JUN **Calling Hours** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Hathaway Home For Funerals

1813 Robeson Street, Fall River, MA, US, 02720

JUN **Funeral Service** 09:00AM

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JUN **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM

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Holy Name Church

709 Hanover Street, Fall River, MA, US

JUN **Burial**

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St. Patrick's Cemetery

2233 Robeson St., Fall River, MA, US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Hathaway Family Funeral Homes - June 17 at 01:29 PM



“ Mr McDonald I have a heavy heart writing this I remember you as my principal and being called down to the office for not passing in my work you were always so kind and I remember when you and Miss Shea started dating many moons but who would imagine you would be my patient years later and remember me Thank you for your kindness and leadership to my success RIP

My principal and mentor

judie - June 18 at 07:34 PM



“ Mr. McDonald, Over the years you have always offered words of inspiration. You have taken note when I was in the newspaper and followed my career. Thank you for your dedication to education. Knowing you and your lovely wife have made a difference in my life. God bless you.

JoAnne - June 18 at 11:50 PM



“ This man was a great principal at small school & i was a little girl ..He was always Happy & Smiley
R.I.P Mr.McDonald

Kerry E Luz - June 18 at 03:43 PM



“ I worked with Fred for a number of years at the Ralph M. Small school. He was a sincere gentleman who had his heart and priorities in the right place regarding the children. Condolences to Susan and family. Charlie Sunderland , Westport.

Charlie Sunderland - June 18 at 10:24 AM



“ Fred was a sweet man and a wonderful principal at the Small School! We had a genuinely warm and professional relationship . It was a pleasure going to work in his building. My love and prayers are with him

beverly D pereirq - June 17 at 02:28 PM



“ 36 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hathaway Family Funeral Homes - June 17 at 12:26 PM



“ I had many fond memories of my time in. Small school elementary with mr mcdonald in the mid 70s and mrs shea as my teacher .R.I.P mr mcdonald

Steve - June 17 at 06:30 PM



“ Fred was the first Principal I taught under when I began my career at the Ralph M. Small School . He was compassionate, fair and always the model professional educator. Fred possessed a wonderful sense of humor and was always quick with a warm smile. He will be missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace my friend.

Paul Ferreira

Paul ferreira - June 19 at 03:49 PM



“ There are many memories I share with Fred, Sue, and Ellen.

For many years, there were day trips to the Cape to enjoy plays at the Dennis Playhouse and dinner at the Daniel Webster Inn, one of Fred's favorites. I also had the honor and the pleasure of sharing his 80th birthday at another of his favorite restaurants, as well as many occasions just enjoying each other's company and reminiscing past times.

Most of all, I will remember Fred for always greeting me with a smile, his kindness, and his generosity.

You will be missed, dear friend.

Bobby M.

Bobby Martell - June 17 at 10:08 AM



“ Joseph B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Frederick (Fred) B. McDonald.



Joseph B. - June 17 at 08:59 AM