



John Raymond McDonald

August 22, 1938 - January 24, 2024

John Raymond McDonald, age 85, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2024, with his family by his side at Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center. John Raymond was born on August 22, 1938, in Woodard, South Carolina and was the son of the late John Anderson McDonald and the late Mary Foster McDonald.

After graduation from Plato Price High School in Charlotte, North Carolina, he attended Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte. In his junior year of college, he was drafted into the United States Army in December of 1961. John Raymond served as a Medical Specialist. During his service to his country, he received the Good Conduct Medal. Prior to his honorable discharge in November of 1963, John Raymond received a letter of appreciation highlighting his “high moral fiber and devotion to duty.” In 1962, he met the love of his life, Mary Arlena Davidson. They were married on August 3, 1968, at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church. To their union, two children were born, Hans Christopher and Melodie Nicola. Over the course of his lifetime, John Raymond was employed with Belk Department Stores, served as a Private First Class in the United States Army, worked with Carolina School Supply, Carolina Medical Center’s Cedar Spring Hospital, and Carolina Medical Center’s Behavioral Health Department. John Raymond was a member of Moore’s Sanctuary AME Zion Church before converting to Catholicism in 1996. At Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church, he assisted with the OLC Men’s Group, was a part of The Rosary Society, and assisted

with the church's Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops. John Raymond was a friendly and jolly man who never met a stranger. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 55 ½ years, Mary McDonald, his son Hans McDonald (Dagny), his daughter Melodie Johnson (Raheem), seven grandchildren Hans II and Jensen McDonald, Khaleel, Hakeem, Abdur Rahman, Safiyyah, and Daanyaal Johnson and a host of relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery-West

4601 Freedom Drive
Charlotte, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Consolation Parish Life Center
1235 Badger Court
Charlotte, NC 28206

Funeral Mass

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John Raymond McDonald.*



February 02, 2024 at 02:32 PM



“ *Sarahlyn Mcneil planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Raymond McDonald.*

Sarahlyn Mcneil - February 02, 2024 at 02:32 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of John Raymond McDonald.*



February 01, 2024 at 02:21 PM

BT

“ *Mc Donald Family Know that John will be sorely missed by so many people. His connection to me was on many levels he reminded me that had attended Moores'Santuary where my father's family had ties, graduated from Plato Price where my mother had worked as the school social worker, he was a member of OLC where we attended church on occasions and we both worked together where he always encouraged me to say the Rosary often and support the Men's fish fry. God will surely bless him in Heaven.*
Bernita Taylor

Bernita Taylor - February 01, 2024 at 09:04 AM

JD

“ *Jake, Bernice & JC Davidson purchased the Divine Light for the family of John Raymond McDonald.*



Jake, Bernice & JC Davidson - January 31, 2024 at 09:29 PM

JD

“ *Jake, Bernice & JC Davidson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Raymond McDonald.*

Jake, Bernice & JC Davidson - January 31, 2024 at 09:29 PM



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



January 31, 2024 at 04:33 PM

CH

“ To the Family of Raymond McDonald: Please accept our condolences on the transition of Raymond. Always a friendly person and never met a stranger. While his physical presence is missed, please know that the fond memories of him will forever be etched in your heart. We will see you later neighbor!

Paul Davis and Family

Chrystal - January 31, 2024 at 12:33 PM

YC

“ Your friends from NBC News Channel purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John Raymond McDonald.



Your friends from NBC News Channel - January 30, 2024 at 04:23 PM

JS

“ To the family John Raymond McDonald: Sorry for your loss. Raymond was a great neighbor and friend. We will be praying for you. John W. Love, Sr. John W. Love, Jr (Buddy), Jewel C. Love, West Charlotte Class 1962, West Charlotte National Alumni, Second Ward and West Charlotte Men's Breakfast Club. John Love, Charlotte, NC.

John W. Love, Sr. - January 28, 2024 at 04:17 AM



“ *May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. Raymond was a wonderful friend and classmate. Class of 1957.*

Worth Williams

Worth Williams - January 26, 2024 at 10:26 AM