



Leroy E McDonald

April 18, 1935 - November 21, 2023

Leroy McDonald, age 88. Passed away on November 21, 2023, at the Dunedin Florida Hospital.

He was a father, husband, brother, and uncle.

He was born in St. Louis to Edward and Agnes [Neihaus] McDonald.

He owned and operated a gas station for many years.

Survivors include his children, Cathy Wilson, Tina Declue, and Ed McDonald.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM (CT)

Archway Memorial Chapel
111 Taylor Road
Hazelwood, MO 63042
(314) 895-3900
info@archwaychapel.com

Interment

DEC 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Resurrection Cemetery
6901 MacKenzie Road
St. Louis, MO 63123

Tribute Wall



“Wow what a horrible obituary for a man that had done so much... Leroy McDonald “Mac” my grandpa not just ran a gas station, he started from nothing & ended up running one of the most successful gas stations in the Midwest smack dab in Ladue Mo, rubbing elbows with the elites , I grew up going to professional sporting events with my feet on the dugout, so it was so much more than just a gas station. He ran the station all the way up to a1996 and then he decided to retire & take it easy. He passed the station down to his kids as most fathers do Kathy ,Danny & Ed , Tina my mom was not part of that she was building a business of her own. Mac wasn't t quite sure what he wanted to do once he retired he was always a man on the go. Mac had a couple friends that told him about this small quiet lake just an 1.5 south in southern Illinois, so Mac went & checked it out & ended up loving it, bought a small house boat & lived on it for almost a year. Amongst the time spent there he realized that the marina wasn't reeling in its full potential so he bought a home in Carbondale & bought the marina & went back to work. He then started building it into a little paradise, which he did in pretty short time, I mean complete revamp. I grew up going there every summer almost every weekend so many great memories. It would be almost another 20 years of hard work building another multi million dollar business, along with being the #1 small outboard engine dealer within 500 miles. So as you can see Mac was a worker, go go go, so it did leave a gap far as how well of a father, grandfather, brother he was. He showed he cared in his own little way which was good enough for me. He then decided it was time to spend some time in a warmer climate so he bought a condo in Florida “Lighthouse point” & started spending half the year down there. He had a good friend that also had a place down there they really enjoyed there time there. But wasn't to far into his warm sunshiny days he suffered a massive stroke that led to him losing many of his faculties along with complete brain loss didn't know anyone or anything. My father & brother drove down to Florida and picked him up, he came back to St. Louis & lived with my parents. My mom was power of attorney & had to make a decision wether the marina would be sold or if we would figure out a way to keep it

going for him and the family. We made a decision we would figure out a way to keep it in the family, me my mom, dad and myself started going down every weekend making sure things were still operating and up to par. This went in for months then my grandpa started coming around a little better so he was wanting to start going with us on the weekends so we took him down so he could see what he had built cause he didn't even know it was his, he didn't even remember he owned a gas station for 40+ years. This was helping things were slowly coming back to him, so he wanted to start staying back down there but this was not a good idea at all, he was in a wheelchair, still couldn't even dial a phone number and no one responsible enough to take care of him. There was this lady by the name of Barbie & her husband & 5 kids that all worked there & said we can take care of him. I was very much against they barely new how to take care of themselves and Barbie was always flirting with him and sitting on his lap and rubbing his legs and head , pretty strange ha, especially when her husband is standing right there. Well my mom allowed it. And from there it's history, Barbie took advantage of a SICK old man and turned him against his family saying we were going to steal his marina & put him in an Old folks home. NOT TRUE!!!! We didn't have to spend 50-60 hrs a week at work all to take off every Friday night and spend the entire weekend working down down there, we did that for him, second my mom was looking into 10 year plans at laclède groves, Delmar gardens, literally the best of the best that St. Louis has to offer. And how does your daughter steal what your the heiress to., it's absurd. But again his faculties were not there. So he was being taking advantage of ELDER ABUSE!!! Which we the rest of surviving family knows how the story goes from there on. They, really meaning Barbie, they change his Will, suck him dry of every penny sell off all his belongings including all my grandmothers old possessions, such heirloom stuff , just gone in the wind. And he spends his Golden Years locked in a 10-10 room without being bathed, changed , fed. Disgusting living quarters. Was actually living in the restaurant at one point washing himself in bathroom sink & hanging dirty underwear on the bathroom stall, was completely baffled... Which apparently this was the better option then having your own Villa,

with a push of a button there's someone to help, activities, social interaction, events, every thing a senior would want , I know I would. So I'm gonna end it with I love my grandpa, I will miss him, I hope he's found peace & grandpa I'm so sorry yo had to spend your golden years being abused.... I tried to stop it.... I tried!!!

Jeremy Declue - December 02, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Leroy E McDonald.*



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