



## Walter A. McDonald, Jr.

August 6, 1948 - February 7, 2010

COLUMBIA, NH-- Mr. Walter A. McDonald, Jr., 61, of Columbia, NH, passed away at his home on Sunday morning, February 7, 2010, surrounded by his friends and family after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in Cambridge, Mass., on August 6, 1948, a son of the late Walter A. McDonald, Sr., and Gladys (Atwood) McDonald. He served with honor in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era, and he had been a disabled veteran since 1971.

While stationed in Missouri, he married his wife, Joyce Schrader, on July 31, 1970. They lived in Illinois and began to raise their family until moving to Coaticook, Québec, in 1990. At that time, Walter went back to school and earned a degree in sociology.

A true outdoorsman, Mr. McDonald loved to fish and camp. He also enjoyed his time taking care of his home and field, spending many hours mowing. Walter was also very active in his Native American cultural heritage with the Micmac tribe. He was a member of the Micmac Council in Illinois while living there, and he ran many of their midwestern Pow-wows.

After he moved to Columbia, NH, Walt worked many odd jobs in his semi-retirement in the local area. He was a member of the Disabled American

Veterans.

Mr. McDonald leaves behind his daughter, Jennifer McAlister and husband Justin, of South Paris, Me.; a son, Matthew McDonald and wife Julia of Clearwater, Fl.; two sisters, Dolly Kilbreth and husband, Kim, of Wareham, Mass., and Paula Carroll and husband, Patrick, of Brockton, Mass.; four brothers, Ralph McDonald and wife Beverly of Coaticook, Que., Michael McDonald and wife Carol of Rockland, Mass., Patrick McDonald and wife Patricia of Rockland, and Kevin McDonald and partner Alyce Lewis of Columbia, NH; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife of 33 years, Joyce McDonald in 2004, and a brother, Dennis.

Memorial calling hours and a service will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2010, from 2-4 p.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. Interment with military honors will occur at the national cemetery at Otis Air Force Base in Bourne, Mass. in the spring.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mr. McDonald may be made to The Weber Foundation of Helping Hands—Freedom Fund, online at [www.theweberfoundation.com](http://www.theweberfoundation.com), or by mail to P.O. Box 760863, Melrose, MA 02176. This fund is 100% dedicated to helping veterans in need.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to [www.jenkinsnewman.com](http://www.jenkinsnewman.com).

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **20**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home  
103 Main Street  
Colebrook, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ Jennifer & Matt,

*My deepest sympathy and heartfelt sadness on the loss of your father Walt. He was a wonderful brother-in-law and will be missed by many.*

*I know you will both find comfort in knowing that your mother and father have been reunited in God's glorious heaven.*

*I love you both!*

*Love,*

*Aunt Marilyn##imported-begin##Marilyn Becker##imported-end##*

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February 19, 2010 at 06:29 PM



“ *I'll always have you close in my heart. I loved you very much and always will. I miss you Walter. XO Susie##imported-begin##Susie Ferland ( Bethlehem,NH)##imported-end##*

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February 16, 2010 at 05:45 AM



“ *May God comfort Jennifer and Matt at this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you always have a sense of peace that Joyce and Walt are watching you from Heaven. - Doc, Maryellen & Family##imported-begin##Henry & Maryellen Stratmann##imported-end##*

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February 15, 2010 at 04:35 PM



“ Please accept our condolences. Junebug was a good man and he will be fondly remembered.##imported-begin##Marty Simon##imported-end##

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February 14, 2010 at 07:51 AM



“ Uncle Junie, we will all miss you so so much. You were a great man and will be missed by everyone. Jen and Matt, we all love you and are here for you always.##imported-begin##Brittanie mcdonald##imported-end##

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February 12, 2010 at 08:05 AM



“ Dear Jen and all of Walters family,  
My deepest sympathy to you all. He had a great wit and I loved his politics!  
I am sure you will all miss him! He was a good guy!  
Alice##imported-begin##Alice Zinkevich##imported-end##

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February 11, 2010 at 04:18 PM



“ It Was very nice knowing you Walter and god bless you and your family your friends also in spirit Bob & Kelley##imported-begin##Robert Richard & Kelley Jack##imported-end##

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February 11, 2010 at 10:50 AM



“ Kim and i give our sincere thoughts and prayers to jennifer and matthew. We are so sorry for your lost of a great man. So sad that it has to happen to such a good person. He will be well missed!###imported-begin##kim and cindy kilbreth###imported-end##

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February 10, 2010 at 03:21 PM



“ Sorry for you loss. Rest in peace Junnie.###imported-begin##Janice and Scott Forsyth###imported-end##

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February 10, 2010 at 01:26 PM



“ We all will miss you. You were a wonderful father-in-law. you taught me so much."you sure loved to make me cook." but aside, Now your in the hands of our lord and the path onto heaven. and reuniting with your beloved wife. we will always remember you and your wisdom. It was a blessing to have known you. Still cant believe you are gone. but in confort in knowing, your at peace. Love you Walt###imported-begin##Julia Mcdonald###imported-end##

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February 10, 2010 at 11:13 AM



“ You will be dearly missed.###imported-begin##Fallon McDonald###imported-end##

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February 10, 2010 at 10:31 AM



“ To the McDonald clan. So sorry to hear about Juney's passing. He is on the move to Heaven now. I know you all have so many great memories to remember him. God Bless you all during this difficult time.

Robin & Michael Keeley##imported-begin##Robin Morse-Keeley##imported-end##

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February 10, 2010 at 10:26 AM



“ You are now at piece. May you rest in the palm of God's hand surrounded by the one's you love.##imported-begin##Patrick M. Carroll##imported-end##

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February 09, 2010 at 11:18 AM