



Mike McDonald

November 16, 1948 - October 5, 2012

Mike McDonald, 63, of Ardmore, Tennessee died on Friday, October 5, 2012, at Maury Regional Hospital in Columbia, Tennessee. Born Tuesday, November 16, 1948 in Decatur, Alabama, he was the son of the late James McDonald and the late Helen Detiveaux McDonald. He was a member of Ardmore First Baptist Church and had been a lifelong resident of this area. He was the owner of Southern Custom Marble since 1977. He enjoyed fishing and participating in the Ardmore Car Show. He was a Veteran of the US Army. He was preceded in death by his parents and his father-in-law: Charles D. Brown. Surviving are his wife of 33 years: Rita Brown McDonald of Ardmore, TN; sister, Gale & Ray Helums of Taft, TN; mother-in-law: Dorothy C. Brown of Chattanooga, TN; brother-in-law: David A. Brown of Chattanooga, TN; special cousin: Jeanne Bowman of Ardmore, AL, and nephews: Jeff and Susan Helums, Jason and Lisa Helums, and Justin and Toni Helums. Graveside services will be at 11:00 AM on Monday, October 8, 2012, at Gatlin Cemetery with Bro. Steve Hargrove officiating. The family will receive friends from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Sunday, October 7, 2012, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Elkton School library P.O. Box 159, Elkton, TN 38455.

Tribute Wall

LE

“ *I am so sorry to learn of Mike's death. I remember him as a little boy and loved his mom. My prayers for all the family.*

Loretta Merrell Ekis - October 10, 2012 at 08:19 PM

LS

“ *We will all miss you.*

lorrie ann smith - October 07, 2012 at 09:12 PM

FG

“ *Even though we didn't get to see him much in the past few months, we felt blessed to be among Mike's friends. He was such a fine fellow. A big smile and hello to us, he was usually the first one here for lunch, ate, visited a bit and was off to something else... always on the go. Our prayers are with Ms. Rita, his family, and his employees. Thank you Ms. Gale for sharing your brother, and Ms. Jeanne for keeping us updated and the smiles we shared telling tales of the younger days and the fun y'all had. Heaven is smiling bigger this weekend. Enjoy it Mikey, you've earned it buddy*

Friends at Tiger's Grill - October 07, 2012 at 07:42 PM

JF

“ When tomorrow starts without me, And I’m not there to see; If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn’t cry The way you did today, While thinking of the many things, We didn’t get to say. I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, And each time that you think of me, I know you’ll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, In heaven far above, And that I’d have to leave behind All those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye, For all my life, I’d always thought, I didn’t want to die. I had so much to live for, So much yet to do, It seemed almost impossible, That I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, The good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, And all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, Just even for awhile, I’d say good-bye and kiss you And maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized, That this could never be For emptiness and memories, Would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, My heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through heaven’s gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne, He said “This is eternity, And all I’ve promised you.” Today for life on earth is past, But here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, But today will always last, And since each day’s the same way There’s no longing for the past. But you have been so faithful, So trusting and so true. Though there were times you did some things, You knew you shouldn’t do. But you have been forgiven And now at last you’re free. So won’t you take my hand And share my life with me? So when tomorrow starts without me, Don’t think we’re far apart, For every time you think of me, I’m right here, in your heart. Earths’ loss is Heavens’ gain. May God be with you.

Janice Tomerlin Finley - October 07, 2012 at 02:15 PM

JA

“ I met Mike in 1974.I've always thought he was such a gentleman. There's an old saying, "To be born a gentleman is an accident. To die a gentleman is an accomplishment."
Even though the distance from Chattanooga and Ardmore separated us, It was always a comfort just to know you were there. I will miss you.
My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Jim Anderson - October 07, 2012 at 01:12 PM

KP

“ Little more than 10 years ago I met you as my new boss. It didn't take too long for you to become my friend. Thank you Mike for everything you taught me, for listening, for your advice, thank you for all the little things that are to numerous to write. Your friendship was priceless. Until we meet again ...

Kendrea Pressnell - October 07, 2012 at 08:52 AM

JY

“ Rita,
As time goes bye I will sometime's check Ardmore Chapel Obituaries, upon reading this about Mike we are so sadden to learn of your loss.....we are very sorry and we want you to know you are in our prayers. May God comfort you in a special way. We never forget special people that have touched our life sometime's along the way. Love to you at this time is sent from us. May God Bless you friend!

Jerry & Kathie Yant - October 06, 2012 at 07:25 PM

CH

“ I am so sorry to hear that Mike has passed away. I want Rita to know that I am thinking of her and the family. So very very sorry. I didn't know Mike had been sick.

Cindy Oakes Harwell - October 06, 2012 at 07:22 PM

CW

“ We are truly going to miss a great boss, and a great friend. We appreciate everything you did for us as employees and friends. We love you and miss you Mike. Spread your wings and fly now buddy.

Carson & Michele Walker - October 06, 2012 at 11:40 AM