



## John T. McDonald

January 7, 1937 - March 19, 2023

John T. McDonald 86, of Bonita Springs, FL passed away on March 19, 2023. John was born on January 7, 1937, in Washington, DC, a son of the late Albert F. and Mary D. (Regan) McDonald. John was a native Washingtonian before moving to Bonita Springs in 1997.

Soon after he graduated high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served a two years term from 1955 to 1957. He then attended Northwestern University where earned his Bachelor's degree in Computer Science. On August 20, 1960, he married the love of his life, Margaret M. Hartnett.

John began his career in the computer field, first with Safeway Food stores, then Remington Rand, UNIVAC, and the Machinist Union in Washington, DC. He then branched out and opened his own business, MAC Systems in Beltsville, MD. After selling his company and one not to sit idle, John finished his career with the American College of Cardiology as their Director of Information Systems.

John loved everything about being on the Chesapeake Bay. He was a boater, a Maryland crab eater, and a huge fan of a good oyster. He was an avid golfer, a great storyteller, and loved reading. He could find his way around any murder mystery, whether it be American or British written. His evenings were spent watching his "British shows" with Margaret by his side. He also enjoyed

a Bushmill or two with good friends, good food, and a bit of Irish music. He was extremely funny and very quick-witted. John was a family man and a very proud man. There was nothing he wouldn't do to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

John is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Margaret M, McDonald of Bonita Springs, FL, and his three daughters, Maureen A. Connick (Henry) of Annapolis, MD, Eileen M. Cunius of Olney, MD, Coleen M. Thompson (Thomas) of Ft. Myers, FL and his brother, Robert A. McDonald of Laurel, MD, and 8 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Albert F. McDonald and Thomas M. McDonald.

A Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate his life will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 10:00 AM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church 28300 Beaumont Rd., Bonita Springs, FL. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Café of Life of Bonita Springs, FL.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
28300 Beaumont Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

# Tribute Wall



“ *John T. McDonald*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM

“ Dear John,

*Our earthly journey is fleeting and time goes by so very fast: I can't account for 30 years . . . For some strange reason, I felt my heart seeking for your obituary today. You were a great mentor at the American College of Cardiology. A man who truly cared about people, who gave them chances to grow, and a mind beyond its time from a technological viewpoint. Family and your beloved spouse came above all earthly matters, only God came above it all.*

*I still remember when you elected balloon angioplasty rather than open heart surgery against all odds and "expert" opinions, you were right on target when not even cardiologists trusted their pioneering technologies and protocols . . . You once told me: "Data is important, but at the end of the day, follow your heart." And I remember this advice since. Each time I turn away from this wisdom-filled advice I stumble . . .*

*I have crossed rare individuals blessed with so many Godly attributes. Please forgive me for not having reached out sooner to say "thank you". To you and to Margaret. But I also know that the best is yet to come and we will all be together again. And remember the mainframe times with a genuine smile that characterizes your persona. And we will recap with joy the times s pioneering Unix financial systems, the proof of concept with 19 vendors testing DICOM (fiber ring), the beautiful Lionel Training by the Christmas tree behind the glass door safeguarding the mainframe, and all in between . . . You had a way to seek and find the best in everyone. To bring them together for the betterment of systems within and all around us.*

*Thank you, John. For believing in me, and for your encouragement during your tenure at the American College of Cardiology. You were truly like a father figure to me in so many ways . . . I will see you again. I am sure that you are already seeking ways to innovate up there until we connect again . . . Please keep me in your prayers. I*

*could you amid the highest blessings that God has placed along my earthly path of brokenness.*

*I embrace your family during this difficult time, for the pain of temporary loss is real. Memory Eternal! "So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. " John 16:22*

*See you soon, John.*

*Much love in Christ,*

*Dr, Rosana R. Stoica*

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**Dr. Rosana R. Stoica** - May 08, 2023 at 11:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John T. McDonald.*



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April 25, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ *John, a dear friend and neighbor, we will miss you. You have a beautiful family and a beautiful wife who miss you dearly. You are at peace right now, and that gives us peace. We know you are watching over your family right now, just as we your neighbors, are watching over your precious Margaret.*

*Dick and Theresa Draffone*

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**Theresa Draffone** - April 03, 2023 at 10:03 AM

PB

“ *Dear McDonald Family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you  
all at this most difficult of times.  
I only had the pleasure of meeting  
Mr. McDonald a few times in this life  
and each of those times is a memory I will never forget.  
Here is an old Irish wake toast that seems appropriate:  
"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.  
Loves leaves a memory no one can steal."  
Sending long hugs to you all.  
Pete & Holly Bentley*

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**Pete Bentley** - March 27, 2023 at 06:16 PM

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“ *John, (Mr McD) was one of Dad's best friends, and always a happy  
and sweet man to me, and I know your sorrow and loss but his light  
is bright...Chris Saia*

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**Chris** - March 24, 2023 at 06:06 PM