



Clifton McDonald

May 20, 1945 - March 5, 2022

Clifton McDonald, 76, of Leesburg, GA, died Saturday, March 5, 2022 at his home.

His funeral service will be at 2 PM on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at Kimbrell-Stern with interment to follow at Riverside Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern prior to the funeral service beginning at 1 PM.

Born Clifton McDonald on May 20, 1945 in Albany, Georgia. Clifton was 1 of 7 children born to George L. McDonald and Ella Veasey McDonald.

Clifton grew up on Washington street and started selling newspapers on the street corner at the age of 6 years old to help support the family.

When he started elementary school, his mother registered him as Clifford Ray McDonald and the name stuck. He joined the national guard at the age of 17 and served for 2 1/2 years.

At the age of 19 he met and married his wife of 57 years Carolyn Hatcher and together they had 2 children Rhonda Kay McDonald and Tracy Ray McDonald.

In 1968 he began working with Bud Greene in the heating and cooling business and Mr. Greene became a mentor and began studying the bible with Clifford and his wife. In March of 1970 Clifford and Carolyn became baptized witnesses of Jehovah God where he remained a faithful servant.

Clifford opened his first buy here pay here car lot in 1974 and became known as "The walking mans friend." He thoroughly enjoyed the car business and eventually opened McDonalds used cars and continued to provide service to his customers with dignity, respect and a large sense of humor for over 37 years. He was always known as a fair and caring businessman. Clifford McDonald's name could not be said without a smile or laughter coming across your face. He sense of humor was enormous and he brought laughter to everyone he came into contact with.

One of the many qualities that will be missed about Clifford along with his sense of humor will be the encouragement he gave to people who were down hearted. His presence, kindness and words of encouragement will be dearly missed.

Clifford was proceeded in death by his parents, and a brother George L. McDonald Jr. 3 sisters Julia Mae Love, Mary Smith and Odell McDonald and a great grandchild Coen Elisha Coley and a special nephew Richard Love of Maryville, Tennessee.

Survivors include his wife Carolyn McDonald. Daughter Rhonda McDonald Harper. Son Tracy McDonald (Shannon). His favorite Granddaughter Darian Grant, his favorite Grandson Garrett Coley; 2 great grandchildren, Kayden Bartlett and Laurel Grant: brother Bobby McDonald; sister Catherine Tucker and numerous nieces and nephews that he loved dearly.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

200 Cotton Ave
Albany, GA 31707

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

MAR 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clifton McDonald.* ”



March 10, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ *I will always remember his kindhearted and humorous ways. It was an honor to know such a special man. Sincere condolences.* ”

Jennifer Baptista - March 09, 2022 at 09:30 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Clifton McDonald.* ”



March 09, 2022 at 09:21 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Clifton McDonald.* ”



March 09, 2022 at 02:06 PM

DF

“ *Diane & Mike Littleton, and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Clifton McDonald.*



Diane & Mike Littleton, and Family - March 08, 2022 at 11:05 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Clifton McDonald.*



March 08, 2022 at 05:27 PM

BF

“ *Brenda Sue Freeman purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Clifton McDonald.*



Brenda Sue Freeman - March 08, 2022 at 09:47 AM

SJ

“ *Good man gone to be with the Lord. Memories will always be good ones. May the Lord watch over those left behind.*

Smitty Johnson - March 08, 2022 at 08:56 AM

JS

“ *Saddened to see this. Great memories! Haven't seen or talk with Clifford since moving away from Albany 20 years ago. Have great memories of a great friendship while my dad & I had a car-lot next to his in the 500 block of Oglethorpe. My prayers for his sweet wife and family. RIP my friend! John Sikes*

John Sikes - March 07, 2022 at 04:46 PM

KG

“ *WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL THEY LIVED DOWN THE STREET FROM US AND I SAID THERE GOES REGAL MOTORS HE WILL BE ALWAYS REGAL MOTORS TO ME GOING TO MISS YOU*

Kimberly parker glass - March 07, 2022 at 03:30 PM

BG

“ *To know Mr. Clifford was to love him! This is a beautiful tribute that captures him so well. When I think of him.... past, present and future, I (will) think of his smile and his infectious giggle.... As there was none other like his, almost always coming off the back end of of a joke or funny comment. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers over the next few months. Rest In Peace Mr. Clifford. Restored, laughing and making jokes once again.*



Brandi Glover - March 07, 2022 at 02:52 PM

JM

I remember him from when I knew Rhonda and Tracy. When my father passed away he had such kind words to me even not really knowing me he gave me a suit to me for my father's funeral because I didn't have one and that ment the world to me. The whole family was there for me thru the passing of my father and iam so sorry for yalls loss he was a wonderful man. He will be greatly missed

John Morgan - March 08, 2022 at 04:42 AM

GA

“ Gail & Mike Alford lit a candle in memory of Clifton McDonald



Gail & Mike Alford - March 07, 2022 at 02:37 PM

MP

“ My husband and I would like to extend our sincere condolences. You're all in our thoughts and prayers. I remember every time I would see Clifford at the Kingdom Hall I would have to “give him some sugar” but not on the cheek. He used to always kiss me on the elbow. I don't even remember how it started just that whenever he said those words, I held my elbow up and he would give me some sugar. 😊

Molly Davis Paul - March 07, 2022 at 02:28 PM