



Carol G. McDonald

October 21, 1940 - December 31, 2025

Carol G. McDonald, age 85 years, a resident of rural Buncombe, and a former resident of Chatsworth, Illinois, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at 2:05 P.M. at her home.

Carol was born October 21, 1940 in Fairbury, Illinois. She was the daughter of Glen and Verda (Shives) Clester.

On January 24, 1959, Carol was united in marriage to Ensil Deen McDonald in Kankakee, Illinois. He preceded her in death on March 24, 2011.

Carol is survived by: her children – Karen (Melvin) Lynch of McKenzie, Tennessee, Ensil Dean McDonald II of Bloomington, Illinois, Tara (Gary) Lindemann of Streator, Illinois, and Ronald (Liz) McDonald of Chatsworth, Illinois; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren; and a sister – Amy Irwin of Paxton, Illinois.

In addition to her parents and husband, Carol was preceded in death by: a grandson – Justin Reinitz, a great grandson – Christopher Michael Freer, 3 sisters and a brother.

Carol had been employed as a mill operator in a manufacturing plant in Chatsworth, Illinois, prior to her retirement.

Carol enjoyed cooking, babysitting, crochet and watching her favorite soap operas, The Young and the Restless and the Bold and the Beautiful. She also enjoyed watching the many hummingbirds that visited her feeders.

Carol attended Mt. Zion Baptist Church, near Buncombe.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday morning, January 5, 2026, at 11 A.M. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 5 Mt. Zion Lane, Buncombe, Illinois. Pastor Dean West will officiate.

Burial will be in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Monday morning, January 5, 2026, from 10 A.M. until the funeral hour at 11 A.M. at the church.

Memorials may be made to The American Diabetes Association, Attn: Service Center, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023 or to the American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Cemetery

Buncombe, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
5 Mt. Zion Lane
Buncombe, IL

Service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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5 Mt. Zion Lane
Buncombe, IL

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ Carol is my great grandma but my family called her woo her fav color was yellow and she loved us so much.

Maliha Jones - May 06 at 01:43 PM

AE

“ Amy E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol G. McDonald.

Amy E. - January 08 at 02:57 PM

GJ

“ I always loved when Aunt Carol and Aunt Janet would bring their kids and G. Grandma Clester down to visit with my Memaw. It was going to be a fun time. I miss those times. I will miss Aunt Carol.

Gina Jones - January 07 at 03:40 PM

RJ

“ Deepest sympathy, Roger & Debbie Johnson



Roger Johnson - January 05 at 02:03 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carol G. McDonald.



January 04 at 02:59 PM



“ Cindy Laur-Aisin For- Kent Rienitz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol G. McDonald.

Cindy Laur-Aisin For- Kent Rienitz - January 04 at 02:59 PM



“ My deepest condolences to family I will always remember Carol's smile, kindness, and laughter. May you all find comfort in the love and memories you shared.



Lisa McDonald - January 03 at 12:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carol G. McDonald.



January 03 at 08:30 AM



“ Love, Leslie, Richard, Katie & Weston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol G. McDonald.

Love, Leslie, Richard, Katie & Weston - January 03 at 08:30 AM



“ Always had good memories staying with you grandma... one of the best times I had was you having your tea and me having my coffee while we discussed what we needed to do for the day

Joshua Reinitz - January 02 at 09:22 PM