



Rufus "Nip" McDonald

July 5, 1944 - August 9, 2017

Rufus "Nip" McDonald, age 73, a resident of rural Tunnel Hill, passed away Wednesday morning, August 9, 2017, at 6:08 AM at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, Kentucky.

Rufus was born July 5, 1944 in Harrisburg, Illinois. He was the second of three children born to Wallace Murray & Grace Leone McDonald.

Rufus was united in marriage to Linda Jean Simmons on February 19, 1970 at the Ozark Baptist Church. She preceded him in death on April 3, 2008.

Survivors include: 2 daughters – Sarah (her husband, Chris) Holhubner and Amanda (her husband, Michael) Vinson all of Vienna; 4 grandchildren – Lindsey Holhubner, Thomas Holhubner, Tristan Vinson and Alliana Vinson; a brother – Wallace "Tuck" (his wife, Twyla) McDonald of Springfield, Missouri; a sister – Susie (her husband, Jim) Lebo of Chandler, Arizona; his mother-in-law – Florence Simmons of Ozark.

Rufus was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Linda.

Rufus was a 1963 graduate of Harrisburg Township High School. He was a United States Army veteran and was stationed in Germany prior to his honorable discharge.

Rufus was employed as a plant mechanic at E.E.I. (Electric Energy, Inc.) in Joppa prior to his retirement.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Vienna. Rufus enjoyed fishing, mowing and is fondly remembered for his love of story telling.

A service honoring the life of Rufus "Nip" McDonald will be conducted Saturday morning, August 12, 2017, at 10 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Dr. Ed Hollis will officiate. Burial will be in the Wise-Robinson Cemetery north of Ozark.

Visitation will be held Friday evening, August 11, 2017, from 5 PM – 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Heather Harper Treat Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 98, Vienna, IL 62995 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905.

Cemetery Details

Wise-Robinson Cemetery

US Rt 45 North
Ozark, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Service

AUG 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Luncheon

AUG **12**. 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
7th & Washington St.
Vienna, IL

Tribute Wall



“ Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



Bailey Funeral Home - August 12, 2017 at 08:09 AM



“ Rufus "Nip" McDonald

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ Faye Mize lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



Faye Mize - August 13, 2017 at 09:53 PM



“ Larry Choate lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



Larry Choate - August 12, 2017 at 09:39 AM

BB

“ So sorry for your loss. Bob & Sherry Belcher



Bob & Sherry Belcher - August 11, 2017 at 06:25 PM

BM

“ Bonnie McHugh lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



Bonnie McHugh - August 11, 2017 at 11:46 AM

SG

“ Sondra Goins lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



Sondra Goins - August 11, 2017 at 10:18 AM



“ Anita Duer lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



Anita Duer - August 10, 2017 at 09:24 PM



He was a great asset to the Tunnel Hill community. Rufus will be greatly missed.

Anita & Lance

Anita Duer - August 10, 2017 at 09:25 PM

NB

“ *Nancy & Ray Breeden lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald*



Nancy & Ray Breeden - August 10, 2017 at 02:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rufus "Nip" McDonald.*



August 10, 2017 at 01:43 PM

SE

“ *Susie, Jim, Leslie, Mike, Keira & Elsie purchased the Memories to Treasure for the family of Rufus "Nip" McDonald.*



Susie, Jim, Leslie, Mike, Keira & Elsie - August 10, 2017 at 12:30 PM



“ Vonda Burnam lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



Vonda Burnam - August 10, 2017 at 12:15 PM



“ Tom & Carmen Murrie lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



Tom & Carmen Murrie - August 10, 2017 at 09:12 AM



“ Justin & Tricia Hartline lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



Justin & Tricia Hartline - August 10, 2017 at 08:06 AM



“ Justin And Sara Partridge lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



Justin and Sara Partridge - August 10, 2017 at 07:07 AM

RS

“ Prayers for your family 🙏🙏🙏

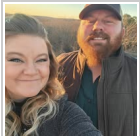


Ron & Pat Shetler - August 10, 2017 at 06:26 AM

 Barrett
Evans

“ I remember playing basketball in his driveway, as a teen. cooking for him sometimes two to three times, later in life. We always spoke everytime I had a spare minute at work but the thing I'll remember most was the kind of man he was. One cold January or February day a few years ago he past me walking. Instead of just waving and driving by he tracked me down to give me a ride and said it's to damn cold to walk. The next day he brought a pair of gloves to the restaurant, that's how I'll remember him, as kind hearted man.

Barrett Evans - August 10, 2017 at 04:29 AM



“ Those we love don't go away they walk beside us everyday. Xoxo



Jessicca Skamser - August 10, 2017 at 03:53 AM

ZN

“ Zack And Andria Nichols lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



Zack and Andria Nichols - August 10, 2017 at 12:19 AM

DH

“ David And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



David and Ellen Hill - August 09, 2017 at 10:17 PM

JS

“ I used to work at Jumbos in Vienna and Rufus would always come in and we sit and talk for hours. He will be missed! Fly high Rufus 💜

Jade Sanders - August 09, 2017 at 08:47 PM

JB

“ Ted and Joy Beggs



Joy Beggs - August 09, 2017 at 06:07 PM

LK

“ Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



Linda Koehler - August 09, 2017 at 05:44 PM

TW

“ Tracy And Brent Williams lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



Tracy and Brent Williams - August 09, 2017 at 05:34 PM

EF

“ Ernie Henshaw And Family lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



Ernie Henshaw and Family - August 09, 2017 at 04:52 PM

AC

“ Alyssa Conner lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



Alyssa Conner - August 09, 2017 at 04:20 PM

JS

“ Prayers for you all.



Jon and Madonna Slife - August 09, 2017 at 04:13 PM



“ Tracy Trovillion lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



Tracy Trovillion - August 09, 2017 at 04:12 PM

JM

“ Jeff And Linda Mathis lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



Jeff and Linda Mathis - August 09, 2017 at 03:13 PM

JC

“ John Cherry lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



John Cherry - August 09, 2017 at 02:54 PM

JT

“ *John David & Stephanie Tanner lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald*



John David & Stephanie Tanner - August 09, 2017 at 02:36 PM

Sarah
Hicks

“ *Sarah Hicks lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald*



Sarah Hicks - August 09, 2017 at 02:19 PM

JG

“ *Jason Grant lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald*



Jason Grant - August 09, 2017 at 01:36 PM

SW

“ *Sean & Falon Whitnel lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald*



Sean & Falon Whitnel - August 09, 2017 at 12:47 PM

AW

“ Aleatha Wright lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



Aleatha Wright - August 09, 2017 at 12:44 PM

LG

“ Sarah and Amanda our thoughts and prayers are with in the loss of your Dad. He will be greatly missed by everyone that new him.



Lora Goddard - August 09, 2017 at 12:34 PM

ST

“ Scott And Kay Tapley lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



Scott and Kay Tapley - August 09, 2017 at 10:15 AM



“ Micki Snelling lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald



Micki Snelling - August 09, 2017 at 10:00 AM

SP

“ *Stan And Bonnita Penrod lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald*



Stan and Bonnita Penrod - August 09, 2017 at 09:47 AM

BT

“ *Becky & Mike Turley lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald*



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LM

“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - August 09, 2017 at 09:39 AM

SR

“ *Sheri Robinson lit a candle in memory of Rufus "Nip" McDonald*



Sheri Robinson - August 09, 2017 at 08:37 AM