



## Robert Owen McDonald

February 1, 1935 - December 8, 2019

Robert O. McDonald, 84, of Asheville passed away on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at the John F. Keever, Jr. Solace Center. A native of Tulsa, OK, he was the son of the late Vernon Owen McDonald and Elizabeth Katherine Huenneke McDonald. Bob was also preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Shirley Jean McDonald in September of 2018; and a sister, Eileen Young.

Bob graduated from Daniel Webster High School in Tulsa, OK, in 1953. He then went to work in the petroleum industry. Bob was a draftsman for DX Oil Company in Tulsa, OK. In 1960, he and Shirley moved to El Dorado, AR, where he worked as a Senior Engineering Assistant for Lion Oil Company until his retirement in 1998. During that time, Bob and Shirley also owned "The Flower Basket" and was an active member of the choir at St. Paul United Methodist Church in El Dorado, AR.

In 1998 they moved to Asheville. He was an active member of Central United Methodist Church and again sang with the choir. Bob enjoyed singing in many barbershop quartets throughout his lifetime and was a member of The Land of Sky Chorus. He also enjoyed playing golf and spending time with his family.

Robert is survived by his son, Scott McDonald, and his wife Tammie, and their daughters, Megan and Sarah, all of Asheville, NC; his daughter Melinda Lunn, her husband Greg, and their children Parker, Gabrielle and Palmer, of

Fayetteville, AR; two sisters, Charlene Cardwell of Houston, TX, and Karen Britt of Sand Springs, OK; a brother, Dale McDonald of Skiatook, OK; and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Central United Methodist Church at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 27, 2019 with Rev. Dr. Rob Blackburn officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Central United Methodist Church Music Fund, 27 Church Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Central United Methodist Church  
27 Church Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

## Family will Receive Friends

DEC 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Owen McDonald*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I'm so sorry, Scott, Melinda, and families, to hear about Bob. I know he's celebrating in heaven to be back with Shirl. They were such a big part of my life, and I will always remember them laughing and enjoying life. I enjoyed my visit with them in NC several years ago; their hospitality and graciousness were still the same. You both were fortunate to have had such special parents! Sending my love, Susan Bettis Rumph*

Susan Bettis Rumph - December 18, 2019 at 12:56 PM



“ *It has been rare in my life to encounter two such people as Bob and Shirl. Whatever the circumstance, sad, glad, or difficult, they forged ahead with a positive, cheery outlook. Remarkable and admirable folks. We have all been missing Shirl, and now Bob.*

John Whitton - December 09, 2019 at 11:14 PM



*Bob was a good addition to our family, and I know he was the love of my sister's life. I know they are together again, and I'm sure Bob is now singing in THE CHOIR.*

Mary Thomas - December 10, 2019 at 08:05 PM