



## Mrs. Shirley Jean McDonald

March 17, 1937 - September 16, 2018

Shirley Jean McDonald, 81, passed away on Sunday, September 16, 2018 at the John F. Keever, Jr. Hospice.

Her first job was at KVOO radio station in Tulsa, OK and that was also where she met the love of her life, Robert Owen McDonald. They married and moved to south Arkansas. They lived in El Dorado, AR for 36 years. They opened and ran The Flower Basket where Shirley made arrangements, corsages and learned to decorate homes. She continued to do this for others for the rest of her years. They retired and moved to Asheville, NC in 1996. Since moving to Asheville she became involved in their church and community. She was a member of Central United Methodist Church's prayer group for 22 years and worked on the bereavement committee for many years as well. Shirley was a member of of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority for 50 years where she served as President as well as received the Girl of the Year Award on many occasions. When she and Bob moved to The Crossings at Reynolds Mountain she became the head of the New Resident Ambassador Committee. She remained in that position until one month before her passing.

Shirley is survived by her husband, Bob McDonald, of Asheville, NC; her son Scott McDonald, his wife Tammie, and their daughters, Megan and Sarah, all of Asheville, NC. She is also survived by her daughter Melinda Lunn, her husband Greg, and their children Parker, Gabrielle and Palmer, of Fayetteville, AR. Also surviving are two siblings, Lee Kannady and Mary Thomas of Tulsa, OK. She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Lorraine

Kannady of Tulsa, OK; and her sister Ruth Grim of Cushing, OK.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, September 22, 2018, at Central United Methodist Church, 27 Church Street, Asheville, NC.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Central United Methodist Church Foundation 27 Church Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Central United Methodist Church  
27 Church Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Shirley Jean McDonald*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *To the family of Shirl McDonald,  
We were not ready for God to take another  
angel to heaven. We love  
you & Bob forever!  
We will miss you so much in our Inquirer's  
class every Sunday.*



*All our Love, Susan & Lee Finger*

Susan Finger - September 24, 2018 at 01:31 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Bob, Scott and family,  
Melinda and family. With much love, Barbara Rogers (El Dorado,  
Arkansas)*

Barbara Rogers - September 22, 2018 at 10:18 AM



“ *Roger and Mary purchased the Heavenly and Ha  
rmony for the family of Mrs. Shirley Jean  
McDonald.*



Roger and Mary - September 21, 2018 at 05:25 PM

WB

“ *With love, Terry, Linda Colburn & Donna and boys purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Shirley Jean McDonald.*



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**With love, Terry, Linda Colburn & Donna and boys -**  
September 21, 2018 at 02:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Jean McDonald.*



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September 20, 2018 at 03:37 PM

LF

“ *Leslie McDonald & Family Rebecca Fast & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Shirley Jean McDonald.*



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**Leslie McDonald & Family Rebecca Fast & Family -**  
September 20, 2018 at 02:33 PM

EF

“ *Elizabeth Foxx lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean McDonald*



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**Elizabeth Foxx -** September 20, 2018 at 09:20 AM

JE

“ Dear family of Shirl, We are so sorry to hear of Shirl's passing. Shirl was a wonderful person and we will remember her kind heart and her sense of humor. Her laughter and personality was the best. She was always a light to anyone who had the privilege of knowing her. If you were down, Shirl had a way to lift you up. I will never forget her. Bob and family, you will be remembered in our thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy,  
Phil and Joyce Dover Evans



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**Joyce Dover Evans** - September 19, 2018 at 06:19 PM



“ Many of our employees at Ingles on Merrimon Ave. wish to send their condolences. We always looked forward to seeing her beautiful smile and we will miss seeing her around the store.

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**Beth Tolley** - September 19, 2018 at 05:44 AM

TL

“ Traci De Leon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean McDonald



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**Traci De Leon** - September 18, 2018 at 09:54 PM

PV

*Scott and Tammie,  
I knew your mother from her presence at any reception after events at Central. She was always there helping and always ready to introduce herself and make you feel welcome. If it was a funeral, she always had something nice to say. I didn't know her well enough to know she was your mother.  
My deepest sympathy,  
Patrice Vincent (Jerry Vincent)*

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**Patrice Vincent** - September 19, 2018 at 07:34 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Jean McDonald.*



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September 18, 2018 at 09:05 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Jean McDonald.*



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September 18, 2018 at 04:49 PM