



Helen Donna McDonald

September 20, 1938 - January 1, 2022

Helen Donna (Shedlock) McDonald died unexpectedly on January 1, 2022, in Davenport, FL at the age of 83.

Helen is survived by her son, Patrick McDonald of Brick, NJ, daughter Annmarie Nicora of Tampa, FL, son Andrew McDonald of Green Cove Springs, FL, son Francis McDonald of Davenport, FL and brother Joseph Shedlock of Long Pond, PA. In addition to her parents, Helen is preceded in death by her husband Francis J. McDonald, daughter Barbara (McDonald) Frazier and siblings Eleanor Shedlock, George Shedlock, Anne Shedlock, Marian Totino, Andrew Shedlock, Michael Shedlock, Dolores Haggerty, Patricia Rock, Thomas Shedlock, Florence Shovlin and Daniel Shedlock.

Helen was born on September 20, 1938, in Wilkes-Barre, PA to Andrew and Anna (Matichka) Shedlock. She graduated from Coughlin High School in 1956 and entered the workforce. She married Francis "Frank" McDonald, her high school sweetheart, in 1962. Eventually moved to New Jersey, raising five children, while working at Toys-R-Us and Early Morning News. Helen enjoyed Polka dancing and/or listening to polka music on the radio on any given Sunday. It was a happy day for Helen when she landed a job at Freight Traffic Services, the same company where her husband Frank worked. They commuted together for years until 1984, when they moved to Florida. Helen worked at K-Mart for many years but always had a special love for babies and little kids, which led to her working at the St. Mary Magdalen preschool in the early 90s. In 1995, Helen and Francis moved to Davenport, FL where she

resided ever since. Helen's most recent job before retiring was 15 years of service as a Walt Disney World cast member. Helen spent the last 36 years watching her grandchildren grow into adults and, in 2016, was blessed with her first great-grandchild.

Viewing will be held at DeGusipe Funeral Home, 9001 N Orlando Ave, Maitland, FL 32751 on Thursday, January 13, 2022, starting at 9:30AM-10:45AM with a Prayer Service from 10:45am-11:15am. A mass will follow at 12 Noon at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 861 Maitland Ave, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701 with the burial following at Orlando Memorial Gardens, 5264 Ingram Rd, Apopka, FL 32703.

Cemetery Details

Orlando Memorial Gardens

5264 Ingram Road
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Public Visitation for Family and Friends

JAN 13. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel
9001 N. Orlando Ave
Maitland, FL 32751
(407) 695-2273
todd@degusipe.com
<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

Prayer Service

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Funeral Mass

JAN 13. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
861 Maitland Avenue
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
(407) 831-1212
<http://www.stmarymagdalen.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Helen Donna McDonald.*



January 12, 2022 at 09:19 AM



“ *The Sakowicz Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Helen Donna McDonald.*



The Sakowicz Family - January 11, 2022 at 02:47 PM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Helen Donna McDonald.*



January 11, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Helen Donna McDonald.*



January 10, 2022 at 08:24 PM

WF

“ Wood Family lit a candle in memory of Helen Donna McDonald



Wood Family - January 09, 2022 at 10:38 PM

TF

“ The Wood Family lit a candle in memory of Helen Donna McDonald



The Wood Family - January 09, 2022 at 10:37 PM

TF

“ The Wood Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Helen Donna McDonald.



The Wood Family - January 09, 2022 at 01:32 PM

DT

“ Debbit Tant lit a candle in memory of Helen Donna McDonald



Debbit Tant - January 09, 2022 at 12:50 PM

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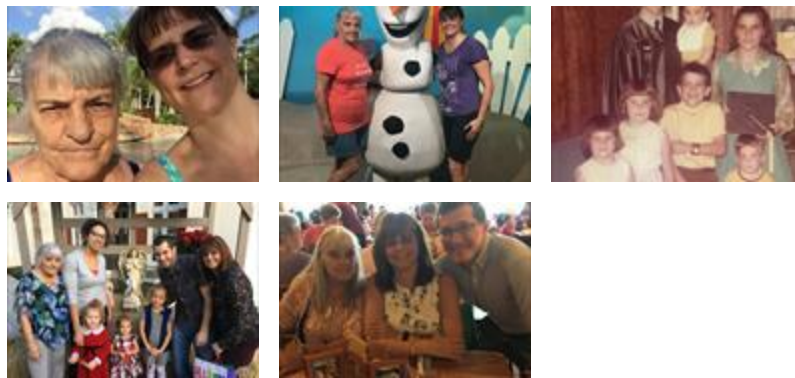
“ *Debbie and Shannon Tant purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Helen Donna McDonald.*



Debbie and Shannon Tant - January 09, 2022 at 12:45 PM

AN

“ *13 files added to the album Memories Album*



Annamarie Nicora - January 08, 2022 at 03:33 PM

EP

“ *Ed and Betsy de Paiva purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Helen Donna McDonald.*



Ed and Betsy de Paiva - January 08, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Donna McDonald.*



January 08, 2022 at 01:47 PM