



Mr. Earl Millard McDonald Jr.

June 4, 1950 - February 26, 2020

Avid boater, prolific fisherman, retired sea captain Earl Millard McDonald, Jr., dropped his final anchor with the passing of his life February 26, 2020 in Magnolia Springs off the Magnolia River. Son of surviving father Earl Millard McDonald and deceased mother Dorothy Lorraine Mooney McDonald, Earl was schooled at Saint Joan or Arc, McGill Institute, graduating from Murphy High School class of 1968. He attended Marion Institute, and received a degree in journalism from the University of Alabama where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

After backpacking throughout Central and South America, Europe and some of the Middle East, Earl finished his degree, then worked with friends in Destin, and eventually began working on oil rig supply boats in the Gulf of Mexico. After working his way up to captain, he commanded ships in the South America trade then moved north braving the seas of the Gulf of Alaska, Bering Sea and the North Pacific Ocean as captain of a massive seafood processing ship. Through the Port of New York he serviced supertankers in the Atlantic Ocean and received an award from the City of New York for his efforts of evacuation during 911. As captained of an oil rig dive service ship in the Gulf of Mexico, he retired. His career as a sea captain again took him around the world.

Along the seaway throughout his life, his hobby of fishing proliferated and his

love of reading pursued. He truly worked like a captain and with his anti-establishment mindset he lived life, somewhat like a pirate. Yes, his anchors were always tight, his corks loose with his rums spiced, but aside the sea and his reading, Earl's prominent compass was his love of his surviving family and dear friends: Patty Kinney his girlfriend, his father, brother and sister in law William Lee and Kathy McDonald, niece Jessica Almeta McDonald, aunt and uncle Vivian 'Cookie' Mooney Rich and David Raymond Rich, cousins who were like his sisters Ashley Mooney Rich and Janet Lee Rich Pittman, their husbands Ritchie Cole Hurt and Craig Sorrell Pittman, nephew Ryan Cole Hurt and niece Madelyn Dorothy Hurt, best and dearest friend Dr. Stephen Parden and so many friends. He never met a stranger.

Visitation will be at Pine Rest Funeral Home Magnolia Springs 9am Tuesday March 10, 2020 preceding a brief chapel service at 10am. Interment will be at Pine Rest Cemetery. Family and friends will gather after the interment for a celebration of his life.

As the sea has cast its spell on Earl, may it hold him dear forever.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Pine Rest Funeral Home
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Post Office Box 328
Foley, AL 36535
(251) 943-5667
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Funeral Service

MAR 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Erika Tempelhoff lit a candle in memory of Mr. Earl Millard McDonald Jr.*



Erika tempelhoff - October 30, 2023 at 04:58 PM



“ *Mr. Earl Millard McDonald Jr.*

October 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM



“ *Mr. Earl Millard McDonald Jr.*

November 08, 2022 at 06:34 PM

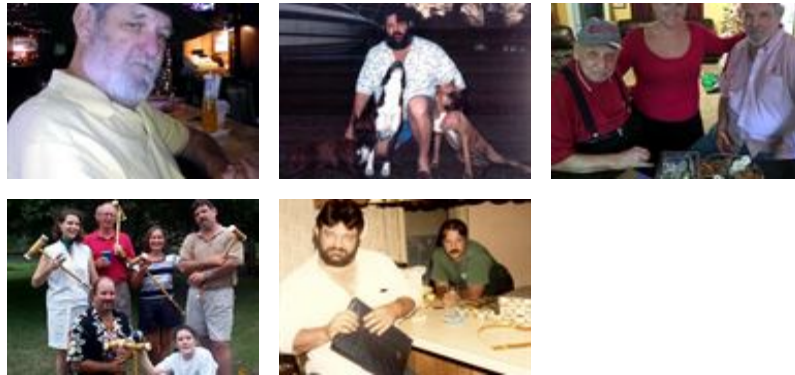


“ *I am heartbroken. I work with him on the Bering sea.he was wonderful*❤❤❤

Erika tempelhoff - March 22, 2021 at 01:52 PM



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Pine Rest Funeral Home and Memorial Park, LLC - March 09, 2020 at 01:25 PM

MG

“ Marcia Parden Golson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Earl Millard McDonald Jr..



Marcia Parden Golson - March 04, 2020 at 10:31 AM

HM

“ Oh my, so very many great memories of “sitting on the dock of the bay” listening to Earl, Jr (aka: Son John, Big Earl, Bubba, etc etc) tell his great stories. So much fun at the original “housinda ” and later sitting under the two “new” bay houses! He will be missed but we should remember “Death leaves heartaches which no one can heal, but Love leaves memories which no one can steal “!

Hosie McCarroll - March 03, 2020 at 07:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Earl Millard McDonald Jr..*



March 03, 2020 at 02:11 PM