



## Albert Allen McDonald

March 24, 1928 - January 26, 2019

Albert (Al) A. McDonald, age 90, of Hobart, Indiana, formerly of Munster, Indiana, passed away on Saturday, January 26, 2019. He was born on March 24, 1928, to Hector and Margaret McDonald in West Reading, Pennsylvania. He moved to Indiana in 1951 to pursue his career in physical therapy. Al worked in the Physical Therapy Department at St. Catherine's Hospital in East Chicago, Indiana for 20 years. In 1977, he opened a private practice physical therapy clinic in Munster, Indiana, where he worked until his retirement in 1995.

Al was a former board member and past president of the Northwest Indiana Visiting Nurse Association. He volunteered his services caring for injured Munster High School athletes. In 1962, he was commissioned by the governor to the Indiana State Examining Committee for Physical Therapists. He served on the committee for 21 years. In 1983, he was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash Award by Governor Robert Orr for his service.

Al was preceded in death by his parents; wife-Jane McDonald; sister-Mary Ann Lash. He is survived by his three children: Thomas McDonald (Tammy Stewart) of Evanston, Illinois; Anne McDonald (Nancy Wedig) of Hobart, Indiana; and Kevin McDonald (Vania Santos) of Gainesville, Florida; four grandchildren: Andrew, Kelsey, Bennett, and Reilly; two great grandchildren: Sawyer and Fiona; brother T. Douglas McDonald (Jane) of State College Pennsylvania; his constant canine companion-Lucy.

Visitation for Al will be February 4, 2019, from 2-7:00 p.m., at Burns Funeral

Home, 701 East 7th Street Hobart. Private funeral services will be held at Burns Funeral Home. Interment at Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville, Indiana. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Humane Society of Northwest Indiana.

Al was a resident of Brentwood at Hobart Assisted Living facility from 2014 until his passing. The family extends a special thanks to all the Brentwood staff for his good and loving care.

# Cemetery Details

## Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Vania S. McDonald - February 15, 2019 at 12:25 AM

CP

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the McDonald family on the loss of your special patriarch and a wonderful example of true professionalism. I am an IU '76 PT graduate from Highland--I was a year ahead of Anne in PT school. I did my first senior affiliation at St. Catherine's Hospital in East Chicago and have good memories of Mr. McDonald and Mr. Shehigan and all that I learned on that affiliation. I can also attribute my interest in PT and the reason why I ever thought of going into physical therapy was because of a chance encounter with Mr. McDonald. When I was in the 8th grade I went with my Mom to take my Grandmother to St. Catherine's for out-patient PT after she'd had a stroke and came to live with us. He set me on my career path and I will always hold that in a special place in my heart for him because of that. Heaven has gained another angel--may fond memories sustain the family during their time of loss. Carmen Peterson

Carmen Peterson - February 03, 2019 at 02:52 PM

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“ Carol Elias lit a candle in memory of Albert Allen McDonald



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**Carol Elias** - January 29, 2019 at 09:35 AM

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*I'm sorry.*  
*Dottie Woods*

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**Dottie Woods** - February 01, 2019 at 08:59 AM