



Mr. Lee McDonald

October 26, 1972 - December 9, 2023

Lee McDonald, 51, of Lithia, born on October 26, 1972, in Tampa, entered into eternal rest on December 9, 2023. He loved his family dearly, and enjoyed cooking, and music. He is survived by wife of 19 years, René McDonald; children, Amanda Cockrell, Kylie Gutierrez, Levi McDonald, Jaidyn McDonald, and Ashley McDonald; grandchildren, Khloee, and Kannon; parents, Tim and Linda McDonald; siblings, BJ McDonald (Charlotte), and Jermey McDonald (Autumn); and many other family, and friends. A funeral service will be held Saturday, December 16 at 4:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 3:00 P.M. After the service, the family extends an invitation for those who would like to join in food & fellowship at Welcome Baptist Church in Lithia. Address: 11308 Welcome Church Street, Lithia, 33547. Expressions of condolences at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **16.** 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

DEC **16.** 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Lee McDonald



Hopewell Funeral Home - December 15, 2023 at 09:52 AM

JR

“ I am deeply saddened by the news of the passing of one of my best friends. BJ and Lee and I were really close in the 80s and drifted apart as people do sometimes. Lee and I went on many crazy adventures over those years and we had a lot of fun in the process including writing and recording music. Fortunately for me, Lee and I had regained contact after a number of years. I didn't know of this tragedy until today as I shed social media some years back. Lee, you'll never be forgotten.

Joe Rogers - September 24, 2024 at 09:19 PM

JM

“ I remember one day that it was just me and him at the house, I was in a bad mood about something I think I got in an argument with my Mom about something. He told me to come sit outside with him on the porch with him and he just started playing "Stairway to Heaven" by Led Zepplin, and I was just trying to rant to him about this thing that happened with my mom, and he just told me to be quiet and listen. I was listening to it for the first time and i really enjoyed it to be honest. then the guitar solo hit and he just jumped up and started playing a fake guitar, was the funniest thing I had seen all day. and then the song ended and I was talking to him about it and he said " You see how happy you got when you dropped all the problems man and just enjoying what was happening right now, life is to short to focus on the negative's so enjoy what's good about it". Of course he said it in a way only Dad/ Lee could but he was right. That when I started listening to older music and used it as a anxiety dropper you could say. Just the way he could talk me out of a bad mood and make me feel better, I'll never forget that bout you daddy. I try to do the same things to other people cause it makes me feel closer to you, cause I know you would have did the same thing. i love you dad and you are missed by many.

Jaidyn McDonald - May 08, 2024 at 10:47 AM

BC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Lee's passing. Special memories of his younger days at Sydney A/G. Prayers for the family.

Barbara Johnson Copeland Cobb - January 19, 2024 at 11:13 AM

JM

“ Lee has been one of my best friends for 37 years. There may have been different chunks of time that we weren't in touch as much, but it was only because life happened, never anything bad. When we would get back in touch, it was as if no time had passed. We have cried together, laughed together, and had so many smiles together. Been each other strength and shoulder through the bad, and one of the first to share happy news or times with each other. He gave the best hugs, had the best laugh, and let's not forget his love of music and all it's randomness! I have loved Lee for many years, and will always. He is one of the best in so many ways, but especially a friend. My light and so many others' are now dimmed. I miss my LeeLee. I hope you rest in peace. 🕯️

Jeni Bryant Marotta - December 16, 2023 at 04:14 PM

EJ

“ Edwin Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee McDonald



Edwin Jacobs - December 15, 2023 at 11:51 PM

KM

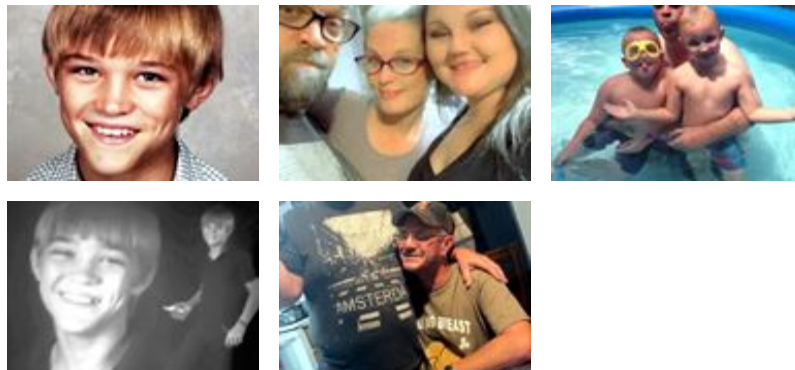
“ Kimberlee McBride lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee McDonald



Kimberlee McBride - December 15, 2023 at 11:46 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - December 15, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ Homes by Westbay Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Lee McDonald.

Homes by Westbay Family - December 15, 2023 at 08:25 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Lee McDonald.



December 15, 2023 at 08:25 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Lee McDonald.



December 14, 2023 at 06:49 PM

KA

“ I worked with Lee at Lowe's and we remained friends all these years. I will miss you precious.
Love always, your work mom Kathy

KathyKirby - December 14, 2023 at 11:01 AM

PR

“ Pamela Ruis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lee McDonald

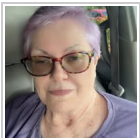


Pamela Ruis - December 14, 2023 at 09:54 AM

LW

“ Lee and his family lived next door. He was a great neighbor. Mowed my grass a few times without asking when my mower was down. Helped out after the hurricane to cover my roof. Lee was very generous at heart and very nice. My prayers go out to all his family and friends! My Condolences!

Laura & Katlin Witte - December 14, 2023 at 08:09 AM



“ Lee was our second son. He loved his children deeply. There is a big hole in his Father and my heart. We love you son, rest in peace.

Linda McDonald - December 14, 2023 at 05:03 AM

GL

“ I got to work with Lee indirectly but the times that I interacted with him, he was always a gentleman. His energy was contagious and he was extremely funny and could always bring humor to any situation. That made him special. My condolences to your family and friends.

Gerardo Lopez - December 13, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Lee McDonald.



December 13, 2023 at 10:01 AM

SC

“ I was a coworker with Lee for many years. He was a joy to be around. He made all of us laugh and made our days brighter. He will be truly missed. Prayers for family and friends.

Sharon Keene Collins - December 12, 2023 at 09:50 PM

DM

“ I was Lee's coworker for a number of years and he sat directly in front of me. He was the kindest, funniest person. My heart aches knowing he is no longer with us. My heart breaks that he didn't know just how much everyone who met him loved him. If we can receive anything at all from Lee's passing it's to make sure the people you care about or impact your life knows just how much they mean to you always. My most sincere condolences to Lee's wife, children, parents, siblings, extended family and his many many friends. You will be missed my friend 💔🙏

Debra Meyer - December 12, 2023 at 06:16 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Lee McDonald.

December 12, 2023 at 06:03 PM



“ Lee’s heart was so big, and so wide, and he carried room for everyone. His capacity for caring was profound and the way his laugh lifted us all is how I will remember him. And his silly hats.

All my love and support to his family and friends. We will miss him.

Michelle Coleman - December 12, 2023 at 05:57 PM



“ My darling boy. You know I couldn't love you more if I had given birth to you. As long as I have breath in my body, you will remain in my heart and mind. May you now rest in the sweet, precious peace you so desperately needed, deserved and longed for.
Love always, Aunt Jan

Jan Shogaa - December 12, 2023 at 05:19 PM



“ The Partners & Employees at LPR planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Lee McDonald.

The Partners & Employees at LPR - December 12, 2023 at 05:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Lee McDonald.*



December 12, 2023 at 05:04 PM



“ *Carley, McKinley, Easton & Ruby Ritchey purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Lee McDonald.*



Carley, McKinley, Easton & Ruby Ritchey - December 12, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ *I am heartbroken and deeply saddened by the loss of Lee. He was my “music buddy” we were always bouncing music off of each other to listen to and try to give each other something different that we haven’t heard before. He was hilarious, serious when needed, and when he knew you were upset he always tried to cheer you up. In reading everyone’s memories/comments it is obvious that we all lost a good one way too early. My heart and prayers go out to his family and everyone effected by his loss.*

Dawn Williams - December 12, 2023 at 04:13 PM

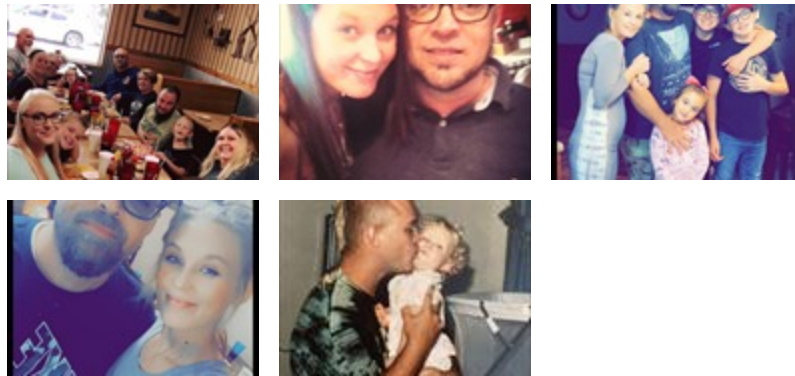
MA

“ I worked with Lee for quite some time. He was a big teddy bear. He loved everyone. He was super funny and when you were having a bad day he would give you a bear hug and get you laughing. You left far too soon. Wish you knew what joy your brought to this world. To the McDonald family : I am so sorry and we are praying for peace and comfort during these times.

Melissa Allen - December 12, 2023 at 03:50 PM

AC

“ Dad, I love you.



Amanda Cockrell - December 12, 2023 at 03:44 PM

HW

“ I had the privilege of working with Lee for many years now. More than that, I am honored to call him my friend. I will miss him greatly.

Lee lit up every room he walked into and the world looks much dimmer without him in it.

*Thank you for the years of laughter and friendship.
Until we meet again, my sweet friend...*

Heather Walker - December 12, 2023 at 02:54 PM

JM

“ I worked with Lee for probably 8-10 years or so. He was kind, a great friend, and HILARIOUS. I rarely saw him outside of the office, but I recall times at work when we laughed until we had trouble breathing - that's how we got through life's obstacles. As you know, Lee loved music intensely and we shared this love. We had a little "game" we played, when, after not having any contact for a year, Lee would randomly cross my mind and I would text him the beginning of a rap lyric. Within seconds, he would reply with the remainder of the lyric and I know we both grinned. You'll be missed, Lee.

Much love,

Jeff

Jeff McIntosh - December 12, 2023 at 02:33 PM

TR

“ My heart is broken for the loss of my brother from another mother. He was one of best friends and I will miss him terribly. There are no words to fill the void of you not being here Lee Lee.. I am so very sad that I will never hear your voice again. I can't pick up the phone and call you when I need to talk or answer the phone when you need a friend... I will miss you for all eternity my brother.

To the McDonald family:

My heart felt condolences to you. I pray for God's loving arms to hold and comfort you during this time. I am here should you need me. I love you ALL! ❤️

Tanya Rodriguez - December 12, 2023 at 02:31 PM

JM

“ I want to extend my sincerest condolences to Lee's family and friends during this difficult time. You're in my thoughts and prayers.



Jeff McIntosh - December 12, 2023 at 02:20 PM

CC

“ Lee McDonald was my friend for over a decade. His humor and quick wit brought sanity into an often insane world. Even when our lives moved in different directions, when we got together again, it was as if no time had passed at all. We picked right back up where we were before.

Lee, I don't like thinking of a world without you in it. You left us far too soon. We love you and we will miss you.

Christopher Crane - December 12, 2023 at 02:19 PM