



Sue A. McDonald

August 22, 1942 - October 29, 2024

Sue A. McDonald, 82 of Bluffton, passed away on Tuesday morning, October 29, 2024, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana.

Sue was born on August 22, 1942 in Lebanon, IN. to Herman Edward and Martha Helen (Wickard) Antle. She graduated from Lebanon High School in 1960. She then went to Ball State Teachers College, graduating in 1964 with a B.S. degree in Business Education. She furthered her education and received her Master of Arts degree in 1986 from Ball State. She worked as a Business teacher at Larkin High School in Elgin, IL. from 1964 to 1968. She was a substitute teacher for Southern Wells High School and Bluffton-Harrison M.S.D. from 1978 to 1982, before teaching Business at Norwell High School, Bluffton High School and retiring from Bluffton Middle School in 2003.

On August 15, 1965, Sue and John Steven McDonald were married. They celebrated 59 years of marriage together.

Sue was a past member of Indiana Business Education Association, working on the Business Education Task Forces for the state of Indiana. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Bluffton and a past member of Psi Chi. Sue loved to travel, visiting Europe three times with her husband. She enjoyed her time at the lake property and their Florida property, where they bought a new boat. She could often be heard saying "We sure do love our new boat!" She was an avid Bridge player and loved to dance and truly enjoyed the monthly dinner dances at Bay Side Estates, where they lived in Florida. Sue was very interested in her grandchildren and their achievements.

Survivors include her husband, John of Bluffton, their children; Kimberly Kay (Bryon) Mayer and Jennifer Jo McDonald all of Bluffton and Steven Thomas (Margaret) McDonald of Fort Wayne. She was a loving grandma to her six grandchildren; Kaitlyn J. Schriver of Portland, OR., Bryson Mayer and Kiersten Mayer both of Bluffton, Madilyn, Aaron and Reid McDonald all of Fort Wayne. She will be fondly remembered by her sister, Mary Jolene "Jo" (William "Buck") Smith of Kokomo, a sister-in-law Joan Antle of Glenn Arbor, MI., and a cousin, Jim Antle of Cambridge City, IN.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Martha and her brother, Richard Antle.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2024 from 12 P.M. to 6 P.M. at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, and for one hour prior to the service on Monday.

Funeral services will be held on Monday at 10:30 A.M. at the funeral home with Pastor Cindy Osgood and Tony Garton officiating. Burial will follow at the Garden of the Chimes in Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Memorials may be made to Special Olympics or St. Jude Children's Hospital and may be directed to the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends may send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

NOV 4. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

NOV 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sue A. McDonald*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - November 03, 2024 at 05:56 PM

KW

“ *Sending my deepest sympathies to the McDonald family. I was sorry to hear the news of Sue's passing. Know that your family is being lifted up in prayer. Kyle Wietholter*

KYLE WIETHOLTER - November 07, 2024 at 11:28 AM

JK

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy to John and family. Sue was a wonderful and very special person. ❤️ May the Lord give all of you His comfort and Peace during this difficult time. 🙏🙏🙏 God Bless and Jim and I send our Love and Support. 💕*

Jim and Sandy Krueger - November 04, 2024 at 06:52 PM

AE

“ *Amy Shaw-friend & RN at Lutheran ER purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sue A. McDonald.*



Amy Shaw-friend & RN at Lutheran ER - November 03, 2024 at 12:41 PM

AE

“ Amy Shaw-friend & RN at Lutheran ER planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sue A. McDonald.

Amy Shaw-friend & RN at Lutheran ER - November 03, 2024 at 12:41 PM

CS

“ To the McDonald family, I am so sorry for your loss. I had Jenny in school at Poplar Grove and taught with Sue at Bluffton Middle school. May God grant you his comfort and peace at this sad time. Colleen Shenk (Miss Colleen) LaOtto, Indiana

Colleen Shenk - November 02, 2024 at 04:23 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sue A. McDonald.



November 01, 2024 at 08:45 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - November 01, 2024 at 04:46 PM

TV

“ *The McDonald's, Somerville's & Vega's purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sue A. McDonald.*



The McDonald's, Somerville's & Vega's - November 01, 2024
at 11:43 AM

LH

“ *Leah (LeMaster) Hunt purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Sue A. McDonald.*



Leah (LeMaster) Hunt - October 31, 2024 at 08:46 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Sue A. McDonald.*



October 31, 2024 at 07:55 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sue A. McDonald.*

October 31, 2024 at 07:55 PM



“ 146 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - October 31, 2024 at 03:34 PM



“ To John and Family, Dane and I were totally shocked after I saw the passing of Sue. Your mom was a wonderful lady and we always enjoyed our Sunday breakfast time w/both John and Sue. May God keep all of you in the palm of his hands. Dane and I will keep you all in our prayers as you transition to a new way of life. Love Jennifer and Dane Jesse/United Methodist members w/your Parents.

Jennifer Jesse - October 31, 2024 at 01:29 PM



“ Kim, Dustin & Walter Hershberger purchased the *Days of Sunshine Bouquet* for the family of Sue A. McDonald.



Kim, Dustin & Walter Hershberger - October 31, 2024 at 01:00 PM

DS

“ *Dr. William Smits & Staff purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Sue A. McDonald.*



Dr. William Smits & Staff - October 31, 2024 at 11:46 AM

DS

“ *Dr. William Smits & Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sue A. McDonald.*

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