



Mary McDonald

December 9, 1924 - August 13, 2017

Mrs. Mary Irene McDonald, 92, formerly of Davison, Michigan and Nokomis, Florida, passed away Sunday morning at Homewood Health Campus in Lebanon. She was born in Saginaw, Michigan, on December 9, 1924, to the late Alfred William and Margaret Marilla (Decatur) Hawkins.

Mrs. McDonald was a graduate of Barryton High School in Michigan where she played basketball during her high school years.

On June 8, 1943, she was married to Fort Wayne Cornell in Barryton, Michigan. She then was married to George Lignitz on May 18, 1973 in Davison, Michigan. She was preceded in death by both husbands.

Mrs. McDonald retired from General Motors/AC Spark Plugs after 30 years of service. She had always said that was where she “put the spark in spark plugs!”

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She loved her family dearly and enjoyed crocheting, painting, gardening, golfing, and bowling in her spare time. She was a dedicated member of the Faith Baptist Church in Davison, Michigan for 20 years and the Faith Baptist Church in Nokomis, Florida for 30 years, and loved working with AWANA at both.

Survivors include:

Four Children:

Gary Cornell and wife, Marie – Traverse City, Michigan

Gregory Cornell and wife, Leslie – Barryton, Michigan

Nancy (Cornell) Wade and husband, Wayne – Davison, Michigan

Vicki (Cornell) Saalwaechter and husband, Dr. John – Thorntown, Indiana

Nine Grandchildren:

Gina Cornell Stewart

Troy Cornell and wife, Andrea

Stephanie Cornell Brubaker and husband, Dave

Steven Cornell and wife, Patty

Clinton Cornell and wife, Toni

Jeremiah Cornell and wife, Gineen

Shelley Homolka and husband, Adam

Wayne Lee Wade

Mandy Wade Tatum and husband, Chad

Several Great Grandchildren

In addition to her parents and her husbands, Mary was preceded in death by eight siblings, Ralph, Robert, Edward, Paul, Alfred, Ruth, Margaret, and Ellen; a son, Dennis Allen Cornell; and a grandson-in-law, Michael Stewart.

Funeral Services will be held 11 AM Saturday, August 19, 2017 at Allen Funeral Home, 9136 Davison Rd., Davison, MI 48423. Interment in Flint Memorial Park. The family will receive visitors 5-8 PM Friday, August 18, 2017.

Myers Mortuary in Lebanon has been entrusted with the local arrangements.

Memorials may be made in her honor to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater

Indiana Chapter, 50 East 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240 –
1554.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary McDonald*

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“ *im so sorry for your loss she was a great woman .. and i loved talking to her at homewood..she always smiled and was a sweet woman .. i will miss her dearly.*



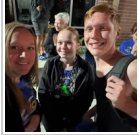
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“ *So sorry to hear about the loss of Mary. She always made me feel welcome when I came to Florida to visit her and daddy. Sorrier still that her and daddy's 18 years weren't acknowledged as their time together was good for each other for nearly all of those years up until the end of daddy's life. She will be remembered by me for all that she has done for all the years I've known her from the time Vicky was in my first wedding until the last time I saw her. You all are in my prayers.*

Betty McDonald-Earl

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“ *Judy Pettifer lit a candle in memory of Mary McDonald*



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