



Evelyn Shea McDonald

May 10, 1928 - February 28, 2019

Evelyn Shea McDonald of Fayetteville, AR, left peacefully to be at home with her Lord on Wednesday, February 27, 2019.

Evelyn was born in Natchez, MS on May 10, 1928. She is survived by her children, David McDonald and his wife, Jeanie, Dannie McDonald, Jill Garner, and her husband, Nick, Frances Mayo, and her husband, Dave Yeager; grandchildren, Brian McDonald, and his wife, Christie, Allison Brewer, and her husband, David, Boyce Rigby, Chad Rigby, and his wife, Elise, Megan James, and her husband, Elliott; great-grandchildren, Kaitlin, Abigail, and Megan McDonald, Andrew and Matthew Brewer, Elliott and Addison Rigby, Lola and Mabrey James, and Jason Hastings; beloved niece, Alice Thorpe and her daughter, Mason. Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, Lamar McDonald and daughter, Debbie Hastings.

After moving to Vicksburg, MS in 1946, Evelyn held a variety of employments, which included Saul Fried Furniture and the Help You Self Café, where she met and later married Lamar McDonald. She faithfully served First Baptist Church, including the formation of the first Sunday School class for adults with limited abilities.

She became the cafeteria manager of Warren Central High School, a position she dearly loved for the next twenty years. After retirement, she continued in the food business purchasing Knapp's Bakery, soon to be followed by the Biscuit Company that quickly became a favorite restaurant for locals and tourists.

In 1988, she moved to Fayetteville, AR, where she joined the Fayetteville City Hospital Auxiliary, spending many years working in The Attic thrift shop. Always the faithful servant, she was an active member of First Baptist Church.

She was honored in 2001 to represent Arkansas in the Ms. Senior America pageant.

At the tender age of 72, Evelyn became the Kappa Delta Sorority House Mom, the favorite

of all her occupations. Her “girls” affectionately called her Mom MeMe and encouraged her legendary high kicks. They loved her so much, they wouldn’t let her go until the age of 85, at which time she fully retired and moved to Butterfield Trail Village.

If you were ever blessed by her presence, you were blessed from above. Possessing a heart of tears for her fellow man, Evelyn lived her life to serve, not to be served. She embraced Psalm 16:8, “I have set the LORD always before me, because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.”

Visitation will be held at First Baptist Church, Fayetteville on Friday, March 1 at 3:00pm followed by a memorial service at 4:00pm. Interment will take place at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Vicksburg, MS on Monday, March 4 at 10:00am. Family and friends are welcome, and encouraged, to attend both services.

The family offers their deepest gratitude for the extraordinary care given to their mother during her time in residence at Butterfield Trail Village. The nurses, aides, security personnel, and staff loved her well, as she had loved them.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Employee Care Fund at Butterfield Trail Village, Fayetteville, AR.

To sign the online guest book please visit www.nelsonberna.com

Cemetery

Cedar Hill Cemetery

Vicksburg, MS,

Events

MAR **Visitation** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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First Baptist Church

20 E. Dickson Street, Fayetteville, AR, US

MAR **Memorial Service** 04:00PM

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MAR **Graveside Service** 10:00AM

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Cedar Hill Cemetery

Vicksburg, MS, US

Comments



“ Seeing Evelyn's name and photo brings back so many precious memories for us. She was a wonderful lady with boundless energy and a huge, caring heart. We are blessed to have known and worked with her at FBC Vicksburg and at Warren Central. Our love and condolences go out to each of you, her family members. May God give you His presence and His peace during these days.
Patricia and Gerald Hasselman

Patricia Hasselman - March 02 at 12:27 PM



“ I knew Evelyn from The Attic. You'd think stopping by a thrift store would be a mundane thing. But not on Wednesday's when Evelyn was working. She'd run out from behind the counter and start hugging me. Then she's take my hand and show me things in the store she knew I'd like. She got wind that I knew how to use the computer, so I started listing things on Craigslist for her. When we'd sell a high ticket item for the store, she was so excited! I saw her at the Veterans Parade one year and she grabbed my hand and took me to meet her friends. She always talked about her "girls" at the University. And I'll always remember her high kick at The Antiques Roadshow! Evelyn made an impression on me and I'll never forget her. My prayers are with her family. She spoke of you often and with love.

Shara Stacks - March 01 at 07:00 PM



“ Evelyn was a real jewel, she always had a smile and was a friend to all! She will be missed by all she knew her. Vivian Hancock

Vivian Hancock - March 01 at 08:12 AM



“ Thank you McDonald family for sharing your mom with Kappa Delta. Mom MeMe was a warm, welcoming housemother for my daughters during their KΔ years. As parents, we appreciated her active involvement in the sorority and enjoyed visiting with her at the house. God blessed Mom MeMe with a charming personality and a loving heart that will be fondly remembered.

Kathleen & Tim McGuire,
parents of Allyson (2005) & Kimberly (2009)

Fort Smith, AR - March 01 at 02:39 AM



“ Evelyn was one of the sweetest women I have ever known she was like a second mom to me !!! My parents truly loved her !!!! Evelyn was a wonderful inspiration to anyone that ever knew her !!!! Heaven just received another angel !!!

Gerry Jordan - February 28 at 04:38 PM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Evelyn Shea McDonald.



February 28 at 02:51 PM