



Donald Edward McDowell

June 26, 1927 - June 15, 2021

Donald Edward McDowell, 93, of Myrtle Beach, passed away on June 15, 2021, at his residence with loved ones by his side. Donald was born June 26, 1927, in Milesburg, Pennsylvania, a son to the late Robert Leo McDowell Sr. and Almeda Rose McDowell. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his dear wife Delores Anne McDowell.

In life, Donald proudly served in the US Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He was a faithful member of the Belin United Methodist Church and sang in the choir. He loved music and singing and enjoyed travelling. He was a lifetime member of the VFW. Donald was also a Past Master of the Masonic Lodge. His greatest joy in life however was spending time with his family.

Donald is survived by a large and loving family, including his daughter Michele Merico (Mark) of Thurmont, MD; his daughter Stephanie McDowell of Fairmont, WV; and his daughter Donna Bernecker of Reston, VA. He is also survived by his many grandchildren, Allyson Forbes (Andrew) of Victor, NY; Matt Merico (Sarah) of Falling Waters, WV; Caitlin Merico of Manassas, VA; Jason Sauro of Myrtle Beach; Jennifer Plumley (Walter) of Fairmont, WV; Richard Bernecker of Ashburn, VA; and finally, his great-grandson Collin Sauro.

The family will receive friends during a visitation on Tuesday, June 22 from 5 – 7 PM at Goldfinch Funeral Home in Murrells Inlet. A memorial service will be held to honor Donald on Wednesday, June 23 at 11:00 AM at Belin United Methodist Church in Murrells Inlet. Inurnment will follow at the church columbarium. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations be made in Donald's honor to the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org). Condolence messages may be left for the family at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel
11528 Highway 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Memorial Service

JUN **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Belin Memorial United Methodist Church
4182 US-17 BUS
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Tribute Wall

BA

“ I enjoyed being in the Belin choir with Don. He had a wonderful voice, a pleasant smile and always an encouraging word.

Barbara Charles

Barbara - June 22, 2021 at 01:36 PM

AC

“ It was an honor and a joy to sing with Don in the choir as well as in a male quartet he helped form. The ever-present smile, the kind words, lit up the room when Don was present. God Bless You and Keep You til we meet again!

Al Conklin - June 22, 2021 at 01:14 PM

JF

“ Joe Foley purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donald Edward McDowell.



Joe Foley - June 21, 2021 at 06:45 PM

DC

“ We have a lot of great memories of Don from the USS Smalley Reunions. He was such a great person. Always a smile & kind words.

Darrell & Jan Carruth

Darrell & Jan Carruth - June 20, 2021 at 06:42 PM

JF

“ I will forever be filled with gratitude for the companionship and joy Don brought to my mother for many years. Their companionship also gave me the privilege to get to know Don. Without fail, Don brightened the room. That smile, that warmth, that optimism. I loved Don’s standard response to: “Don, how are you doing?” “Joe, if I was any better....” An inspiration for how to approach life. A gentleman beyond compare. Thank you Don, for everything. I’ll miss you. Joe Foley (son of Patricia Foley-Frank)

Joe Foley - June 20, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Edward McDowell.



June 19, 2021 at 11:39 AM

DG

“ Mr. McDowell will always be one of my favorite patients. We always had a great time talking and laughing about things. He always had a smile on his face and made you feel happy when he left. We will truly miss him. You have my deepest sympathies!!❤️❤️❤️
Dr. Sarah Machowski

Dr. Sarah Godbold-Machowski - June 19, 2021 at 10:56 AM

ML

“ *Memories last a lifetime* ❤️



Mary Lewis - June 19, 2021 at 05:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Edward McDowell.*



June 18, 2021 at 09:01 PM