



## Lawrence "Larry" McDonald

June 23, 1938 - December 31, 2017

Lawrence G. "Larry" McDonald (1938-2017)

CEDAR FALLS-Lawrence G. "Larry" McDonald, 79, of Cedar Falls, died Sunday, December 31, 2017 at Bickford Cottage in Cedar Falls.

He was born June 23, 1938, in St. Albans, Queens, New York, the son of Francis Bernard and Mary Josephine Gray McDonald. He married Barbara Dunn March 26, 1966, in Waterloo.

Larry received both his BS and MS degrees from Emporia State Teachers College. He was a school Psychologist; first principal at River Hills School and later the Assistant Director of Special Education at AEA 7, retiring in 2001. He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Waterloo, where he served on the Parish Council, finance chairman, marriage preparation, and Eucharistic minister. He also belonged to Civitan International and the Association for Retarded Citizens.

Survived by: his wife of Cedar Falls; two daughters, Debbie Flannery of Friedley, MN and Colleen (Carey) Melz of Lakeville, MN; four grandchildren, Julie Flannery and Connor, Carter, and Caitlyn Melz; three brothers, John (Lois), Bill (Dorothy) and Michael (Barbara); two sisters, Mary (John) Kallstrom and Tricia (Truman) Davis; sisters in law, Carol and Mary McDonald; and

numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceded by: his parents; two brothers, Frank and Tom; and two nephews, David McDonald and Tieran Davis.

Memorial Mass: 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 5, 2018 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic in Waterloo, with inurnment in the Greenwood Cemetery, Cedar Falls. Visitation will be from 9 until service time at the church.

Memorial contributions may be directed to: River Hills School Foundation-Equipment Fund, Blessed Sacrament Living Legacy Fund, or the Alzheimer's Association of Northeast Iowa.

Online condolences may be left at [www.richardsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com).

Larry was a most loving man – a true professional, a wonderful husband, father, uncle and friend. He loved his family, had empathy for all, and loved his free time for tennis, yard work and playing with his grandchildren and all children.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

the end of College St, north of First Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 273-8628

# Previous Events

## Receiving of Friends

JAN 5. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church  
650 Stephan Avenue  
Waterloo, IA 50701

## Memorial Mass

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church  
650 Stephan Avenue  
Waterloo, IA 50701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Barb,  
Sorry for your loss. Sending sympathy and warm wishes to you and  
your family.*

*Mary Ketels*

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**Mary Ketels** - January 11, 2018 at 01:00 PM

DM

“ Compose

*Inbox*

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*Trash*

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*Photos*

*Documents*

*Travel*

*Coupons*

*Tutorials*

*Folders*

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*To*

*CC / BCC*

*Barb,*

*My interaction with Larry was only through tennis but one can tell much about a person when they hold a racket.*

*I perceived Larry as a gentle man and a gentleman and always enjoyed our interaction and his smile made me feel welcome.*

*You and your children won the lottery with Larry.*

*I can only find one complaint with Larry and that is that he never developed a backhand.*

*Sincerely,*

*Don Miller*

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**Don Miller** - January 05, 2018 at 12:09 PM

MK

“ *Barb, Debbie, Colleen*

*I am so sorry I couldn't be with you today to celebrate the life of sweet, loving Larry and to say my final goodbye to my wonderful brother. He will live in our hearts forever.*

*I am grateful his suffering is over and I truly believe he felt your love surrounding him all through his terrible ordeal and in his final hours.*

*I am grateful that he is now enjoying his heavenly reward and that you have your family together to comfort each other at this time. We pray all the great memories and love you shared will bring a smile to your faces rather than a tear.*

*As we say goodbye, our Lord and departed loved ones are saying "welcome home Larry"*

*John joins me in sending our deepest sympathy,*

*Love,  
Mary and John*

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**mary kallstrom** - January 05, 2018 at 10:58 AM

NM

“ My deepest sympathy to the McDonald family. Larry gave me my first job in the Cedar Falls area at AEA 7. He was a great man and highly respected by all at the agency. I always enjoyed listening to him talk with his N.Y. dialect as I'm a Long Island native myself. Larry always had a smile on his face and was a very approachable administrator. This world has lost a very good man but surely there are souls who were overjoyed to be reunited with him again. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.

*Nancy Moothart*

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**Nancy Moothart** - January 04, 2018 at 11:03 AM

KD

“ BARB

MAY YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS BE  
YOUR COMFORT AND LOVE TO CARRY  
YOU THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME,  
WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND LOVE AND PRAYERS.  
KITTY DOLAN



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**KITY DOLAN** - January 04, 2018 at 09:30 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" McDonald.



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January 04, 2018 at 08:48 AM

TH

“ *Larry was the reason I joined a service club--Civitan's). I enjoyed working on projects and fund raising efforts to benefit River Hills and Special Olympics. Larry was a hard worker and showed me how to help others. From his leadership and fore sight I had a family member who attended River Hills and benefitted from being schooled at River Hills.*

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**Tom Hagarty** - January 03, 2018 at 08:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" McDonald.*



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January 03, 2018 at 03:44 PM

JH

“ *Dear Barbara,*

*My heart goes out to you and your family. Our paths have come together since 1965 when I knew Larry professionally in his role at River Hills, and you were my student at UNI! Thanks to you, I had the joy of seeing Larry one last time this past June when you brought him to hear your brother play in the Saints.*

*With deep condolences to you all,*

*Judy Harrington*

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**Judith Harrington** - January 03, 2018 at 09:08 AM

SC

“ larry was the life of the party he had stories and wit we played alot of tennis in are day great team member he will be miss and his wife barb what a gem also a good tennis player sorry for the lost steven christensen team member for years with larry some day we all be playing tennis with larry

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**steven christensen** - January 03, 2018 at 08:00 AM

MM

“ Barbara, Debbie, Colleen and family,  
Barbara & I were deeply saddened this afternoon; John's report of Larry's passing was heartbreaking. Although we were aware that he was plagued with several maladies, we hoped at some time to share some quality time playing tennis and boating with you guys. I have so many memories from our childhood; Larry imitating the renowned drummer, Gene Krupa. as he played his drums on our St. Albans porch in the "McDonald Band". Tom would play the piano, Mary on the fife, Frankie on the violin. and John playing the Bugle. Larry on the drums was "awesome"! Our huge family had so much fun squeezing into our 1944 HUDSON & vacationing in the Catskill Mts.; staying on Oak Beach in the summer, and our yearly visit to either Coney Island or Rockaway Playland. It was so funny when we all made mad dashes to see who would get to take the first shower. (We only had one shower.) I even lived to forgive him when he pushed me off the garage roof in our sister Pat's baby carriage. He was largely responsible for inspiring me to play basketball, especially after seeing him play for Coach Jerry Loeber at St. Mary's HS in Manhasset, NY. He & Tommy were my mentors encouraging me to seek a full basketball college scholarship. I even gave him my golf clubs when he went to college in Kansas for all his guidance. Larry's stories, were all very interesting. Most important of all, as a brother he was a terrific role model. Larry never fought with anyone nor did I ever hear him speak ill about others. It's no wonder he was so successful as a psychologist. It is our hope to have Barbara, Debbie, Colleen and their children come visit us either in West Islip, N.Y. or Fripp Island, S.C. I know Larry will be watching from above with a big smile on his caring, loving face! I am sure he is happy in heaven and reunited with our parents, our brothers, and our nephews. Please know we send you our love and prayers.  
Mike and Barbara

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Michael McDonald - January 02, 2018 at 11:55 PM

CM

*Thank you Uncle Michael. Your kind words are very comforting!*

**Colleen Melz** - January 03, 2018 at 01:27 PM

KW

“ *Barb and family  
My deepest sympathy on the passing of Larry. I so enjoyed working with him. He will be missed. He was such a passionate person on helping students with disabilities. I am so sorry that I will not be able to attend services for Larry, I am keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Kerri Gabbard Wilson*

**Kerri Wilson** - January 02, 2018 at 08:10 PM

RC

“ *Dear Barbara, we are so sad to hear of Larry's passing. He was a good pal to my mom before she passed. He was always looking out for her and helping her when she was having a bad day. You are in our thoughts and our prayers. They are both pain free now.*

*Ron and Sue Cook, Jean Petersen's daughter.*



**Ron and Sue Cook** - January 02, 2018 at 10:53 AM

MH

*Barb, Debbie, Colleen and families - we have such wonderful memories of Larry! Never a dull moment when he was around! We vacationed together for so many years, played couples tennis, and spent so many other times making memories with our families, He will keep them smiling in Heaven, for sure!! We send our prayers and sympathy for your loss.*

*Mike and Betty*

**Mike and Betty Hurley** - January 02, 2018 at 01:54 PM

DF

*Thank you. We will miss him very much. It helps to know he is in a better place now.*

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**Debbie Flannery** - January 02, 2018 at 03:20 PM

BG

*Barb and family, our deepest sympathy and prayers to all of you. He will be missed by his tennis family and all. Sorry for your loss. Clair and Bev Galles*

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**Bev Galles** - January 02, 2018 at 09:20 PM