



**JEANNE CONNELL
McDONALD**

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PERRY –

Jeanne Connell McDonald, 86, passed away quietly at her home on September 20, 2022. Funeral Services will be held at First Baptist Church of Perry on Saturday September 24, 2022. The Visitation will begin at 2:00 p.m. followed by the Funeral Service at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Robbie Passmore officiating. Interment will be in Perry Memorial Gardens immediately following the service. Flowers will be gratefully accepted, or memorial contributions may be made to Agape Care Hospice, 645 Tallulah Trail, Suite 202, Warner Robins, Georgia 31088.

Jeanne was born on March 26, 1936, in Nashville, Georgia, the third child of the late Alice M. and Sims R. Connell. In 1942, the family moved to Perry with the opening of Robins Air Force Base where both parents were employed. She attended all twelve grades in the present-day Houston County Board of Education building. It was there that she developed her love of music, singing in the Girls' Trio all four years at Perry High. After winning an academic scholarship and a music scholarship to Valdosta State College, she sang all four years with "The Serenaders," a double girls' trio that was eventually changed to a double mixed quartet. They sang all across the Southeast as ambassadors and public relations representatives for the college. In a 1957 contest, Jeanne won the title of Valdosta State College Talent with one of the prizes being an audition for the Lawrence Welk Show. Although she received a very nice letter of encouragement, she was not selected to be on the show. Jeanne graduated Cum Laude in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a music minor. In 1959, she won the title of Miss Perry then went on to place in the Top 10 in Talent in the Miss Georgia pageant. She met the love of her life three months later, Robert McDonald, at her job on Robins Air Force Base. They were married June 5, 1960, and had 3 beautiful daughters. Jeanne enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom for the following six years.

In 1966, Mrs. McDonald began her teaching career at Perry High School in a biology position. In those years, she not only taught science, but also vocational counseling and job placement. She received many awards and much recognition for her work, throughout the county and statewide.



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Mrs. McDonald loved working with her students, not only in the classroom, but also helping them develop life skills to prepare them for successful careers. One of her most treasured moments was her induction into the Houston County Teacher Hall of Fame in 2012. She retired from teaching in June 1996.

Jeanne was a faithful, devoted member of First Baptist Church of Perry since joining in 1945, singing in the choir for over 60 years. She served as choir treasurer and ministry chairperson for many years. She also led the music in the Senior Adult Department of Sunday School for almost 25 years and served as Department Director for over 10 years. Jeanne taught Sunday School at various age levels through the years, directed the first children's choir, served on the Jimmy Teresi Scholarship Committee, the Long-Range Planning Committee, the Music Minister Search Committee, and the Benevolence Book Ministry. She led the singing twice a month at the Church Home for the Aged for many years. She had a deep and abiding love for her family, church, music, and many friends.

The Akikta Club was her long-term civic organization where she served in many positions of leadership and was named Outstanding Member of the Year two times. She will be sorely missed by her loving husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Left to cherish the memories they made with Jeanne are her loving and devoted husband, Bob McDonald; her daughters, Karen Taylor (Len), Melanie Francis (Ricky), Cindy Swartz (Rusty); her grandchildren, Robby Taylor, Monika McKellar, Dillon Swartz, and Anna Swartz; her great-grandchildren, Hadley Taylor, Nora Taylor, Darby Taylor, Charlee Swartz, Hudson Swartz, and Avery Tillotson; her sister, Betty Gray; her brother, Jimmy Connell (Coleyne); and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com. Watson-Hunt Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



Events

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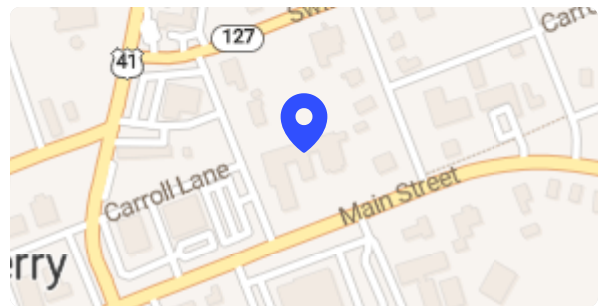
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Visitation

Saturday, September 24, 2022

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

First Baptist Church - Perry
1105 Main Street, Perry GA 31069

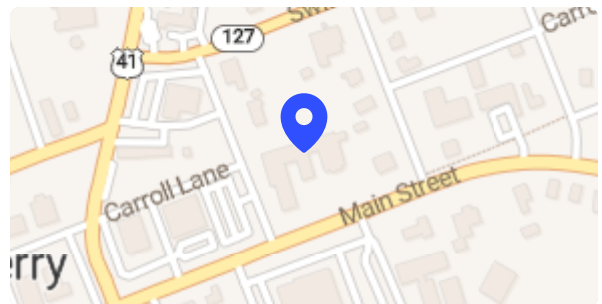


Funeral

Saturday, September 24, 2022

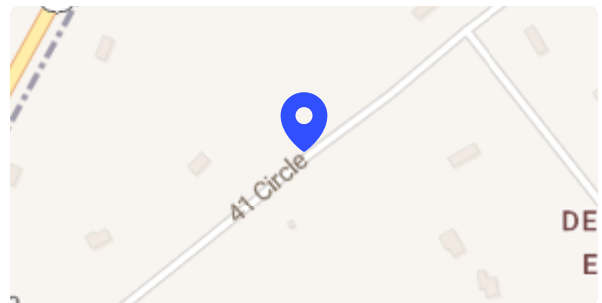
3:00 PM ET

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Cemetery Details

Perry Memorial Gardens
2106 Highway 41 North, Perry GA 31069





Tribute Wall

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Brenda McLendon Wallace lit a candle in honor of JEANNE.



September 24 at 1:44 PM



Jeff Youngblood sent a virtual gift in honor of JEANNE.

She was a wonderful teacher and music instructor. Her work goes on. I passed my love for song to my daughter and now my grandson. He has perform at Calvary Day Church and I have that wonderful lady to thank. peace...



September 23 at 6:10 PM



Valerie Jones posted:

Our families go back many generations with our maternal Grandmother being best friends with "Miss" Connell, our mother (Joyce Jones) being best friends with "Miss" Jeanne and my almost life-long friendship with Melanie McDonald. It is with great sadness I learn of the passing of "Miss" Jeanne. She was such a wonderful teacher who truly changed the lives of so many students. Always there with a kind, compassionate, loving hand to assist those who had for whatever reason(s) been left behind. Thinking of Melanie and the family left to pick up the pieces after the devastating loss of a Mother. Know that we are sending love, heartfelt condolences, peaceful and healing energy as you begin this journey. Melanie held my hand through my own Mother's funeral. I'm sorry I am not there to do the same for you. I encourage you to lean on family and close friends and know you are being held closely in my heart. I'm so very sorry for your loss.

September 23 at 2:06 PM



Anonymous sent a Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White to the McDONALD family.



September 23 at 11:09 AM



Jeanie Thames lit a candle in honor of JEANNE.



September 23 at 5:55 AM



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Lonieze Williams posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Sending hugs !!

September 22 at 5:48 PM



Tom & Lisa Langdon sent a Classic Sympathy Dish Garden to the McDONALD family.



September 22 at 9:34 AM



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September 22 at 9:30 AM



Jim And Connie Swartz lit a candle in honor of JEANNE.



September 22 at 7:51 AM



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Your Mom was such a lovely person, who will be deeply missed by all who knew her. What a beautiful life she lived. We're so sorry for your loss and we wish you peace and comfort as you grieve. Though there are many miles between us, we are always here for you. Our love and prayers are with the family.



Anonymous sent a Pink Mixed Fireside Basket to the McDONALD family.



September 22 at 7:09 AM



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GB

Gary Boler posted:

Betty, Sorry to hear about your sister. Prayers for you and family. Love you, Gary Boler

September 22 at 5:16 AM



Anonymous sent a Classic Sympathy Dish Garden to the McDONALD family.



September 22 at 4:39 AM

JG

Janet Godwin lit a candle in honor of JEANNE.

Prayers for family r.i.p Mrs McDonald

September 21 at 8:33 PM



AW

Anthony White lit a candle in honor of JEANNE.

Sweet lady, very caring

September 21 at 7:52 PM



PB

Pamela Brown lit a candle in honor of JEANNE.

September 21 at 4:40 PM



LB

Lynward Barrett posted:

What a very sweet woman. I will always remember her kindness to me and my family. My prayers are with her family. 🙏🙏🙏

September 21 at 4:15 PM



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Ella Joseph Stevens lit a candle in honor of JEANNE.

September 21 at 3:26 PM



Kathleen Moore lit a candle in honor of JEANNE.

I remember Jeanne as a very friendly outgoing family member at the McLendon gatherings. My husband Clyde and Jeanne were 1st cousins. Kathleen Moore

September 21 at 3:24 PM



Robert Willis posted:

Always cherish those wonderful memories

September 21 at 3:15 PM



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GB

Gayle, Frank And Brandon Borah posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Gayle, Frank and Brandon Borah Byron, Ga

September 21 at 2:00 PM

FF

Ferrell Moore And Family September 25 at 6:38 AM

Our hearts and prayers go out to Melanie, Karen, Cindy and all members of the family. I know there are many great memories that can be recalled that will enable everyone to celebrate her life and the great spirit she embodied. Ferrell Moore

DK

Debbie Pryor Kitchens September 22 at 7:29 AM

TEACHER. It is the best word in the English language, and Jeanne McDonald exemplified that word to its' fullest measure in the years she taught at PHS. Among all your cherished memories, don't forget the throngs of young people she kindly helped guide to adulthood. Peace & Love to Melanie, Karen, Cindy, and to all your family. Lisa Pryor

SC

Sue McLendon Mathis, 1st Cousin September 22 at 6:48 AM

Many fond memories of our early years and family reunions at our grandparents farm in Nashville, GA. Love and prayers to all the family. 1st cousin Sue McLendon Mathis.

SD

Sylvia Dennen September 22 at 5:52 AM

Our prayers are with all of you. Jeanne was a very special, caring lady!

MM

Mary Tolleson Mckenzie September 22 at 2:13 AM

A very caring person and wonderful teacher. Thinking of her family. Mary Tolleson Mckenzie

JJ

Jayna James September 22 at 1:47 AM

Ms Jeanne was the sweetest lady She will be missed. Hold to all the memories Thoughts n prayers



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring JEANNE by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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