



Dr. John Paul McDonough

November 1, 1926 - July 3, 2009

Dr. John Paul McDonough USAF Col. Retired

Dr. John Paul McDonough, Colonel US Air Force Retired, passed away July 3, 2009 after a courageous battle with Lewy Bodies disease. Paul McDonough was born November 1, 1926 in Carbondale, PA to John Paul McDonough Sr. and Madolyn Whitbeck McDonough.

Paul attended Benjamin Franklin High School, Carbondale, PA graduating in 1944. He received his bachelors in psychology at Seaton Hall University, New Jersey. The day after graduating he enlisted in the Army Air Corp., Aviation Cadet Program, where he became a pilot for the US Air Force. He received his Master/ PhD in Clinical Psychology from Purdue University, Indiana.

Paul's 26 year career in the US Air Force included two tours of duty in Vietnam as a command pilot for C130s. During these tours he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for meritorious services for his actions at the time of the TET offensive at An Hue, Vietnam. He also received many honors for bravery under fire. He was a flight instructor and associate professor of Psychology at the Air Force Academy, Colorado. In Wiesbaden, Germany, he served as executive director of the alcohol/substance abuse rehabilitation center for military personnel and their families in the Air Force.

After leaving the US Air Force in 1974, Paul went to Hunt, TX to be executive director for La Hacienda, a private substance abuse center. Then moved to San Antonio, TX to open and operate Villa De Tejas.

Upon retiring Paul and Mary Elizabeth continued his love of travel; going to many exotic destinations via cruises, trailer, car or boat. His love of skiing took him to Breckenridge for 3 months of the year. He became a deep sea navigational pilot and ferried private yachts from New England to the Caribbean and back.

His love of learning how others lived, quest for adventure and learning what lies beyond was his life and he will always be remembered and loved for these endearing qualities.

He is preceded in death by his parents and first wife Patricia Price McDonough. He is survived by his wife Mary Elizabeth McDonough of San Antonio, TX; daughters; Beth McDonough Meadow and husband Jeff of Blanket, TX; Diane McDonough Schmidt and husband Larry of Spring, TX. and step children Carol Lynes Sheffield and husband Glen of Fredericksburg, Va., and Mark Lynes of Austin, TX. Also surviving him are two sisters Jean McDonough Farrell and husband Luke of Montrose, PA; and Alice McDonough Kitchura and husband George of Jermyn, PA.; as well as brother and sister-in-law Wally and Angie Kauffman, eight grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and friends.

Services

Visitation will begin Tuesday, July7, 2009 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. A Memorial Celebration will begin at 7:00 PM

with Col. John Squires officiating. Interment will be at Mission Burial Park North Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 9:30 AM with Full Military Honors. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Christus VNA Hospice of San Antonio, 4241 Woodcock Dr. Suite A-100 San Antonio, Texas 78240.

Tribute Wall

LY

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you all. May the memories you have give you peace during this difficult time. Love, Lynette, Sid and Michael

Lynette - July 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ We have happy memories of the time when we were Paul and Mary's neighbours in Jensen Beach, FL in the Nineties. And very special memories of the time when Paul flew to England just to do the 2 week Coast to Coast walk with us - a great walker, never gave

Richard and Lorna Jean Heaslip - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. Our deepest sympathy. Always and forever

Nancy - July 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Beth, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. my thoughts and prayers are with you. love ya, girl. josie

Josie Essary - July 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Wiley & Jackie Mitchell - July 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Beth, Diane & Mary-
Our prayers are with you all. May God's peace comfort you.
Todd, Kelly & Caitlyn

Todd, Kelly & Caitlyn - July 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Our prayers are with you. Love Don and Barb

Barbara and Don Powell - July 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I'm sorry for your loss,my thoughts are with you and your family,
Beth.

Diane Bradley - July 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Dear McDonough Family:

*It is with deepest sadness that I extend my condolences to you on
the loss of your beloved.*

*As Chair of the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military
Installations, I am sincerely thankful for his valiant service and*

Senator Leticia Van de Putte - July 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Mary and Family,
We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Your names have been added to our prayer list at Emmaus Catholic Parish. We wish you peace and God's grace.
Love,
Stephanie and Neal Smith

Stephanie and Neal Smith - July 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ I am sorry for your loss but so glad he no longer suffering. I pray God will give you pease and the good memories comfort.
God bless all of you.

Lynn Pace - July 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ BETHANY--YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS--WE ARE SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS--STAY AS LONG AS YOU NEED TO--MAY GOD'S LOVE GIVE YOU COMFORT-- LOVE IN CHRIST--SHERRY

SHERRY HOPPER - July 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family, Beth.

Nancy - July 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. After reading about Dr. McDonough's life, he certainly had many accomplishments which you can all celebrate and be proud of.

Darlene Embrey - July 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EQ

“ Dear Mary, Beth and Diane,
We send our deepest sympathies to you all.. You and your families
are in our thoughts and prayers.
Lots of love, Eileen, Stephen, Madeline and Connor.

Eileen And Stephen Quatannens - July 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Dear Jeff and Beth,

Our thoughts are with you at this time.

Delbert and Brenda Tunnell - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Mary
God bless Paul and God bless you--we love you and will always be
there for you.
With great love,
John and Kaye

John/Kaye Squires - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Dear Mayre and Beth and Diane, Can't wait to see you, sorry it isn't
for a happier occasion as other times have been. Love and prayers,
our thoughts are with you..
Aunt Alice and Uncle George

Alice Kitchura - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Sending you lots of love, Mimi&Jim

Mimi Jim Kovalski - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM