



## Robert Terry McDonald

May 6, 1938 - January 9, 2018

Robert Terry McDonald was born on May 6, 1938, in Three Rivers, Texas, to Van and Orilla (Gray) McDonald. Along with his brother, James Larry “Sandy” McDonald, his family lived in Lytle, Texas. He graduated from Lytle High School in 1957. He was a well-rounded student. He won awards for perfect attendance and he displayed his talents on the football field playing quarterback as well as marching with the band at half-time. After graduation from high school he joined the US Navy where he was stationed in Key West, FL. He then attended and graduated from Trinity University in San Antonio in 1963 with a degree in Construction Management. At Trinity he met his beloved wife of 57 years, Patricia Ann (Holmes) McDonald. They had two daughters, Kelly McFadden and Karen Schnake. He was self-employed in the construction business for over 50 years. He was a great friend to many, and always made time to stop and visit a sick friend and offer words of encouragement.

Terry was an avid hunter, traveling all over the US, Mexico and Canada with his “bubbas”. His favorite place to spend his free time was at the deer camp near Pearsall. He enjoyed the hours of hard work there to make sure everything was in working order for the hunters to enjoy. He spent the afternoon at deer camp right before he passed away, enjoying one final trip to the place he loved. His greatest joy, however, was his family, and he especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. We feel very blessed

to have had the opportunity to spend a wonderful Christmas with him, his favorite day of the year. We will miss you, Mac! Ubbards ta Betsy!

Survivors include his daughters Kelly (Kevin) McFadden of Austin and Karen (Paul) Schnake of Houston; grandchildren Allison Gilmore Bowen (Matt) of Austin, Mary Elizabeth and Clay Schnake of Houston, and great granddaughter Hayden Gilmore of Austin.

If so desired, contributions can be made to the San Antonio Humane Society or to the Shriner's Hospital for Children.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 19. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Terry McDonald.*



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January 18, 2018 at 02:31 PM



“ *I first met Terry and his brother Sandy in the mid-fifties when his first cousins, Bill and Bob, came to Devine to attend high school. I immediately became friends with Bill and Bob and it did not take long for me to become very good friends with Sandy and Terry as well. I was warmly received into both families and some of my fondest memories are of that period of my life.*

*Terry received his military assignment in Florida while I finished high school in Devine. Later I went to Trinity University in San Antonio. During my time there I became very close to a young woman from Comfort, TX. Her name was Pat Holmes. She became my best friend. I could not wait for Terry to complete his military service so he could get back home and meet my new and very special friend. As I had hoped, and even planned, the two of them hit it off and before long Pat Holmes became Pat McDonald.*

*I last spoke to Terry in late December. We had been discussing my potential trip to San Antonio in which we would spend the entire time reminiscing about the good old days. I am very sad we did not get to have that special time together, but I will always be grateful for those hour long telephone calls he and I had during this last phase of his life. We did quite a lot of reminiscing by way of the miracle of long distance telephone service.*

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**Patrick Meeks** - January 16, 2018 at 02:01 PM

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“ *T Patrick Meeks purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Robert Terry McDonald.*



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**T Patrick Meeks** - January 16, 2018 at 01:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Terry McDonald.*



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January 16, 2018 at 10:19 AM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with my cousins, Kelly and Karen, as well as their families. Terry was always my "fun" uncle. Loved going to Spurs games with him back in the day at the Hemisphere Arena and the awful backroads he drove us on to get there! The rodeo was also a fun place to be with him. I enjoyed sharing "adult" beverages with him, loved his zest for life and will miss him. It is a comfort to know that he is once again walking beside my beautiful Aunt Pat.*

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**Kathy Biermann** - January 14, 2018 at 06:46 PM

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“ *Kathy Biermann lit a candle in memory of Robert Terry McDonald*



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**Kathy Biermann** - January 14, 2018 at 06:25 PM

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“ *Sharon, Kelley, and Tracey purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Robert Terry McDonald.*



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**Sharon, Kelley, and Tracey** - January 14, 2018 at 02:06 PM