

William Clay McDonald, Jr.

Chapel Hill, NC - William Clay McDonald, Jr. age 91, passed away peacefully on October 26, 2018, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Bill was born January 20, 1927, to William Clay McDonald and Berniece Terry McDonald in Rockingham, NC.

Bill was a man of many names among his family and friends (Big Bill, BB, Mr. Bill, Billy C, and Hubba Hubba). Bill was always quick with his wit and always “so happy to see you.” He loved his Lord, his family, his home state of North Carolina, the Tarheels, and his country.

He graduated from Rockingham High School and attended NC State College in Raleigh, NC and UNC Charlotte. After high school graduation, Bill joined the Army Air Corps stationed in Oklahoma and he shared many interesting stories with family and friends. Bill worked as Advertising Director of the Charlotte Observer Newspaper in Charlotte, NC, the Tallahassee Democrat, the Chapel Hill Newspaper, and Lowes.

Bill was a member of University Presbyterian Church of Chapel Hill, NC, where he was an elder, deacon and lead usher. Bill was past president of the Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club; a board member of Chapel Hill-Carrboro Meals-On-Wheels, and after retirement volunteered at UNC Hospital. Bill was an active member of American Legion Post 6, Chapel Hill, NC.

In 1952, Bill married Kathryn (Pat) Patton, from Rutherfordton, NC who was teaching at Elizabeth School in Charlotte, NC. He is survived by his loving wife Pat of 66 years. They were blessed with three loving and beautiful daughters, Katherine McDonald Bradley (Bobby) of Tallahassee, FL; Jane McDonald Botzenhart (Tom) of Chesapeake, VA; and Leslie McDonald Pompilio (Rich) of Ashburn, VA ; grandchildren, Michele Boston (Alonza),

Patricia Pettway (Reese), Connor, Matthew, William, and Kathryn Rose Pompilio; and great-grandchildren, Shawn and Jacari Spencer, Lyric and Skylar Pettway and Sydney and James Boston; his sister Elizabeth Davis of Union, SC and sister-in-law Helen Patton of Chapel Hill, NC. Bill is also survived by his nieces, Beth and Julie McDonald of Charlotte, NC; Susan Hughes of Rock Hill, SC; Anne Patton of Chapel Hill, NC; Becky Patton of Mebane, NC; and two nephews George Terry McDonald of Asheville, NC and Robert Patton of Mebane, NC. He was pre-deceased by his parents; brothers, Robert (Evelyn) and George (Barbara) McDonald; brothers-in-law, William Davis and Robert Patton, and nephews David, Sandy and Robert Davis. Bill knew how to leave a lasting impression, he will be greatly missed by his family, friends, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, grand-dogs and his own favorite pup “Maggie.”

The family would like to thank UNC Hospice, Home Watch Caregivers and the numerous caregivers for the love and support for Bill.

Memorials may be donated to UNC Hospice; University Presbyterian Church, Chapel Hill, NC; Meals on Wheels of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, NC.

Funeral services will be posted at a later date at cremationsocietync.com



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