



Eugene Talmadge (Bud) McDonald

December 25, 1933 - May 7, 2012

Eugene Talmadge (Bud) McDonald passed away Monday, May 7, 2012. He was the son of Mamie K. McDonald and Clinton W. McDonald of Glasscock County, Georgia. Bud was born December 25, 1933 in Edgehill, Georgia. Bud moved to Augusta, Georgia in 1942 attended John S. Davidson and Lawton B. Evans grade schools. He left Augusta Richmond Academy to join the Navy in December 1950 serving in the Korean Conflict (War) until 1954. The Navy Diving won his love of the sea. He moved to Pensacola, Florida in 1956 and was hired by Gulf Power Company. He loved his company and friends and stayed with the company for 40 years. In 1960 along with his friends in the diving world he helped form the National Association of Underwater Instructors (NAUI) a member until his death, over forty eight years. He also was a charter member of the Escambia Search & Rescue for Pensacola and proudly served for 24 years. He was an instructor for the American Red Cross for 25 years. He was an EMT instructor through the American Heart Association for 20 years. Bud was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy (Dottie) Fish McDonald, his mother Mattie Kitchens Bowers, his father Clinton W. McDonald and brother Junior McDonald of Augusta, Georgia. Survivors include his daughter Diane and Liam Lee of Austin, Texas, sister Sherry and Jim Sanders of Clearwater, South Carolina and their kids Marty, Debbie and Darla, his grandchildren, Brittani Beasley, Elliot and Owen Lee of Austin, Texas, his mother-in-law Carolyn Fish of Austin, Texas, a special love Jeanelle McKissack and son Eddie of Atmore, Alabama, The Suttle family of Fairhope, Ted, Theresa, Sarah and Rebecca, The Kitchens clan, The Barber clan, The McDonald clan, The Sanders clan and The Hilson clan. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at Faith Chapel Funeral Home North-Cantonment. Interment will be at Fellowship Baptist Cemetery in Glasscock County, Georgia on Monday, Sheppard Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 12, 2012. Faith Chapel Funeral Home North, 1000 Highway 29 South Cantonment is in charge of arrangements. Please express your condolences at www.fcfhs

Comments



“ Bud has always been an inspiration to all of those around him. His knowledge and humor always made him a joy to be around. I will miss him terribly but I know that he is in good company.

Ken & Diane Robinson - May 13, 2012 at 02:05 PM



“ Our Prayers to all of your the the loss of a WONDERFUL husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle,...Bud will truly be missed. Love you all

James & Joyce Kitchen Davis - May 12, 2012 at 01:29 PM



“ You were a Great Friend and Mentor, my world will not be the same without you in it. Rest in Peace.dde93

Larry Hatler - May 11, 2012 at 10:19 AM



“ Im a GPCO lineman and I always looked up To and admired Bud for the great Man of principle and character he was. He was a man's man and he was looked up to and admired by his friends and coworkers. We will miss but never forget Bud and his many adventures and stories!

Larry Little - May 10, 2012 at 10:44 PM



“ I want to thank you Bud for what you taught me as a 16 yr old kid that it's not about me. It's all about helping others. I know you never wanted any praise for all that you had accomplished and done in your life , but I want to say THANK YOU FOR BEING A TRUE VOLUNTEER , THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNRTY. You will understand the meaning behind this thanks for walking the walls. Thank you for keeping the lights on for the community aka Kilowatt. Thank you for all the hours on the phone with all the great stories you loved to share. You always said that is you got knocked down to stand back up tall and move on, I will stand tall till we meet again. It is time for you now to go and rest and wait for the rest of us dummies to catch up.
Howard Leonard

Howard Leonard - May 10, 2012 at 10:41 PM



“ One of a kind is the word that comes to mind when I think of Bud. Wonderful gentleman, friend, fellow human being. He always encouraged me when I was in ESAR to never forget what it was all about and what it meant to be a member of such a devoted group of people who will do so much for their fellow man. This world needs a lot more Bud McDonald's in it.He will be truly missed by us all.
RIP my Dear Friend,
Cindy

Cindy Leonard - May 10, 2012 at 07:37 PM