



## Madeline McDonald

January 13, 1931 - July 15, 2025

July 15, 2025 Madeline "Matsy" Podruchny McDonald, aged 94 years, passed peacefully at her home in the Hiram Community east of Terrell, Texas.

Madeline's eldest son was beside her; other family members were traveling.

She retained her mental faculties until the end. The family is comforted believing that she went to a good reward. For the Christian, how wonderful must be the instant after death. The Christian is freed from sin and its attendant sorrows, and instantly admitted to join the heavenly choir.

Madeline was born January 13, 1931 in Baltimore, Maryland to Joseph Thomas Podruchny and Marie Martha Freitag. Soon after birth, the then family of three moved to the Bower's Hill area in what is now Chesapeake, Virginia. Five siblings would follow. At the front of their home, the family operated a small store on West Military Highway, selling gasoline and other items. Cabins were built and rented to travelers at the price of \$1 (yes, that is one dollar) a night. The family was self-sufficient as to food needs: regularly purchasing only coffee, tea, sugar, and flour. 400 quart jars of vegetables were preserved each summer. Hogs and chickens were raised for personal consumption. A smoke house was constructed to process meats. There was a cow for milk and a yearly calf. Throughout her life Madeline loved fresh foods and provided much advice for family vegetable gardens.

Madeline attended grades 1 through 7 at the nearby two classroom Sunray Elementary School; all seven years, every day began with a teacher reading Psalm 23 and the Lord's Prayer. From Sunray, Madeline went to Deep Creek

High School in Chesapeake, Virginia; she graduated in 1948.

Madeline met Douglas Earl McDonald in Virginia Beach, Virginia on July 4, 1950. They were married October 1, 1950 in Elizabeth City, NC. Douglas was in the army. In 1957, after two years in Germany, the family relocated to Douglas' home town of Terrell, Texas. The family lived within the Terrell city limits until January 1969, moving to the Hiram community east of Terrell where Madeline lived the rest of her life. She and her husband ran several businesses, the last of which were a truck stop and a café.

Madeline was a member and a regular attendee of the Baptist church.

Madeline was a wise financial steward, stretching limited financial resources in the early years. She was an excellent seamstress and made clothes for her children until becoming more involved in her husband's business ventures. She was an excellent cook and collected cookbooks. She was self taught in homeopathic practice and healthy eating.

Madeline is survived by her sister Virginia Felker; her children Douglas, David (Marcy), Angela (Jon), and Deborah (Rod); 6 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Madeline was preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Marie Podruchny; her husband; her siblings: Viola Vause, Joseph, Robert, and Doris Messex; daughter Ginger Mae; and her grandson Christopher McDonald.

A funeral service will be at 1:30 PM, Friday, July 25, 2025 at Max Slayton Funeral & Cremations. The family will receive friends beginning at 12:30 PM to service time. Interment will follow at the College Mound Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Madeline's two sons and her four grandsons. Afterward friends are invited to join the family in the College Mound Methodist Fellowship Hall. Food will be provided.

Memorials may be given to the College Mound Cemetery Association: mail checks payable to 'CMCA' to PO Box 105, Terrell, TX 75160.

# Cemetery Details

## College Mound Cemetery

15010 FM 429 South  
Terrell, TX 75161

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **25**. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel  
642 N. Rockwall Ave.  
Terrell, TX 75160

## Funeral Service

JUL **25**. 1:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Webcast in memory of Madeline McDonald*



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - July 24, 2025 at 10:12 AM



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Madeline McDonald*



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - July 24, 2025 at 10:09 AM

BW

“ *Beth Wilder lit a candle in memory of Madeline McDonald*



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**Beth Wilder** - July 26, 2025 at 04:28 PM

GI

“ Ginny purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Madeline McDonald.



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**Ginny** - July 24, 2025 at 12:43 PM

LK

“ Love, Bryan and Jenni Kent purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Madeline McDonald.



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**Love, Bryan and Jenni Kent** - July 23, 2025 at 11:42 PM

BW

“ Beth Wilder lit a candle in memory of Madeline McDonald



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**Beth Wilder** - July 21, 2025 at 04:23 PM

RP

“ Rest in Peace Aunt Matsy. Sending our condolences and prayers from Robert G. Podruchny Jr. and family. We will always remember you and the help during the Great Recession of the 80's along with the best Beef Brisket in Texas.

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**Robert Podruchny** - July 21, 2025 at 09:29 AM

TF

“ *The Messex Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Madeline McDonald.*



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**The Messex Family** - July 20, 2025 at 09:53 AM

JB

“ *Janet Booterbaugh lit a candle in memory of Madeline McDonald*



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**Janet Booterbaugh** - July 20, 2025 at 12:56 AM

BH

“ *Becca Hamm Hood lit a candle in memory of Madeline McDonald*



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**Becca Hamm Hood** - July 19, 2025 at 05:38 PM

SR

“ *Dave, Marcy & all the children and grandchildren- So sorry for the loss of your sweet mom. We have sweet memories of her at Ann & Randy's wedding and was so touched that she got to meet baby Tiffany before she passed. You all will be in our prayers and have our deepest condolences- Susan & Randy*

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**Susan Ray** - July 19, 2025 at 04:29 PM

MM

*Thank you Susan and Randy for your kind words. We love you! Marcy and David*

**Marcy Ann McDonald** - July 26, 2025 at 12:02 AM

AA

“ *Audrey Moss Appleton lit a candle in memory of Madeline McDonald*



**Audrey Moss Appleton** - July 19, 2025 at 04:08 AM

JB

*Dear Angela and Debbie .so very sorry for your loss .I always enjoyed going to her home or her cafe.Rest in peace Mrs.McDonald*

**Janet Booterbaugh** - July 19, 2025 at 06:37 AM

KS

“ *Dear Doug,David,Angela,Deborah & family,*

*We were so sorry to hear about your precious Mom. I have known her & your family my entire life & was privileged to have sit,care for & visit with her while she was in the assisted living facility. She was an extremely knowledgeable lady.My favorite memory was when Doug would come to visit with her & he would read & discuss scripture with her & end with prayer. I know without a doubt she cherished that time with him because after he left she would talk about how much it meant for him to come & share with her. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers!  
With Deepest Sympathy  
Carolyn (Karo)&Wilson Stewart*



**Karo Stewart** - July 18, 2025 at 11:38 AM



“ *Ronda Gaskill lit a candle in memory of Madeline McDonald*



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**Ronda Gaskill** - July 18, 2025 at 08:45 AM



*I love Mrs. McDonald. She is going to be truly missed.*

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**Ronda Gaskill** - July 18, 2025 at 08:47 AM