



Lonny Orson McDonald

September 22, 1940 - February 1, 2019

Memorial Services will be held on Sunday, February 3, 2019, at 1:00 PM in La Chapelle de Martin & Castille in Lafayette, for Lonny Orson McDonald, 78, who died on Friday, February 1, 2019 in Lafayette.

Pastor Chris Fuselier will conduct the services.

Survivors include his daughter, Carrie McDonald Aucoin and husband Keith; his grandchildren, John Laurence Prince and wife Hannah, Alexander Prince, Leah Aucoin, Hannah Aucoin, and Tatjana Aucoin Gambordella and husband Jacob; his great grandchildren, Warren Prince, Henrik Prince, and Elliana Gambordella; his brother, George McDonald; and his sister, Cordie Nave and husband Felix.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George W. McDonald and Pauline Barnard Loving.

A resident of Lafayette and a native of Midland/Odessa, Texas, Lonny proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam Era. He was a Oil Drilling Engineer for most of his life, drilling oil wells in West Texas, North Slope, Alaska, Egypt, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. Later in life, he became a college professor in the area of Industrial Technology Engineering at South Louisiana Community College in Lafayette where he built from the ground up, their INTC program. He taught, mentored, and counseled students there for the past 12 years. Lonny was a beloved and well respected instructor, mentor and colleague at SLCC. Lonny was always a firm, but generous, loving, and selfless role model for his students and his family; especially his grandchildren and his daughter who he raised on his own as a single father. He will be deeply missed by so many in the community, but his legacy will live on through all of the lives he has impacted. There will be a Lonny McDonald Memorial Scholarship set up at SLCC to continue to enrich the knowledge and skills of future students enrolled in the Industrial Technology Program that Lonny was so proud to serve. May he rest in peace.

The family requests that visitation be observed in Martin & Castille's DOWNTOWN location on Sunday from 12:00 Noon until time of service.

Memorial contributions can be made in Lonny's name to his scholarship fund at SLCC.

View the obituary and guestbook online at <http://www.mourning.com>

Martin & Castille-DOWNTOWN-330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA 70506, 337-234-2311

Events

FEB **Visitation** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Martin & Castille Funeral Home - Downtown Location
330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

FEB **Memorial Service** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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La Chapelle de Martin & Castille
330 St. Landry St., Lafayette, LA, US, 70506

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - February 03, 2019 at 11:01 AM



“ So sorry, Carrie

betsy English Nanny - August 12, 2019 at 06:07 PM



“ Thank you everyone for your kind words, your thoughts, your prayers, the flowers that you sent, and to those of you that were able to attend my father’s funeral. It really meant a lot to me and to my family to know that My Dad had so much influence on so many people... and to know that he loved and was loved by so many. Thank you. He will be missed. Also, I’m so honored and grateful that SLCC has started a scholarship in his name—it’s called the “Lonny McDonald Memorial Scholarship” for SLCC students studying Industrial Technology Engineering. What a wonderful legacy my father left behind and we’re so proud of him. And I know he’s looking down on us from Heaven with a big smile—with his quirky little mustache— and a big thumbs up for everyone! I love you Dad—We all love you! Forever more.

Carrie McDonald Aucoin - February 09, 2019 at 12:28 PM



“ I am so sad to hear about Mr. Lonny passing. He was one of my favorite customers and we always would reminisce about growing up in Texas. He always had such wonderful stories about his life and I felt like he was a real friend. I wish I would have known about his funeral so I could have attended. I am so sorry for your loss and for the loss of the world. He was an amazing person and I was always excited to hear the story of the day. Some days he would bring pictures of him as a young boy and man to show us a different time in America. I will miss seeing his face.

bess justelien - March 13, 2019 at 09:41 PM



“ Mr. Lonny will be truly missed, he was a great instructor and even a better man. I love the way he could take the classroom instruction and apply it to the real world. His family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Tyler Ledet - February 08, 2019 at 09:48 AM



“ I had Mr. Lonny for 3 semesters and 6 different classes. I have always felt very comfortable at school and that is because of him. On my very first day of classes Mr. Lonny pulled me aside after class and asked me about my intentions for being there. He was curious because I was the only girl in all of my classes. We talked about why I chose my major and he told me he hopes to see me graduate. Mr. Lonny helped me out a lot over the past two years. He helped to get me through my classes when my appendix burst and I was in the hospital for a month and when I was hit by a drunk driver and missed a lot of classes. He was always so understanding. I wouldn't have made it without him. In every class he would tell us stories about his past and all about his family. He had so many exciting experiences and he loved his family very much. I'm going to miss all of his stories. He definitely lived a full life. He was well respected and had an impact on many many people. He will be missed. Rest In Peace, dear friend.

Dana Porche - February 07, 2019 at 06:07 PM



“ Hello, my names is Myles and I had Mr. Lonny as a teacher for 4 semesters. Every time we would have class he would love to share stories about his past work history. There was never a dull moment with him. I remember one class during a test he didn't turn the volume down on the computer and out of nowhere the sound of a hotrod car started blaring and he couldn't get it to stop for a good 30 seconds. I will miss having him as a teacher.

I am sorry for your loss, and he will be missed.

Myles Lemelle - February 07, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ Hello, my name is Derek and I am currently a student at SLCC. I had Mr. Lonny as a teacher for only two classes but I've a lot from him. His favorite this semester was about how everyone was slackers. He reminded me much of my father and he was a brutally honest man whether you liked to hear it or not, these are some of the reasons why I really respected Mr. Lonny. Him and I also weren't really on good terms and I wish I could've straightened things out between us but the Lord was ready for him. I'm sorry for the loss and my deepest condolences to the family. May he rest in peace.

Derek - February 07, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ My name is Jacob and I only had Mr. Lonny for one full semester and this one. I'm sorry for the loss of mister Lonny. In my short time of knowing him I could tell he was a smart man and cared very much for what he did. He loved to tell stories and just keep class interesting. I will miss having class with him. I am truly sorry.

jacob - February 07, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ Very sorry for the passing of Mr. Lonny for he will be greatly missed by me and everyone at SLCC.

Brennan Lejeune - February 07, 2019 at 11:05 AM



“ My name is Brian and I had the pleasure of taking 6 classes with Mr. Lonny over the course of a few semesters. I enjoyed all of his classes. Mr. Lonny was very intelligent, he seemed to know a lot about everything. He loved telling stories about the past when he was in the military, offshore drilling in Alaska, back home in Oklahoma, and his family. He would always mention his daughter and his grandchildren. He would say how much his daughter accomplished in her education and career and he would mention his grandchildren where he would say they had a harder work ethic than some of the students in class. I enjoyed his company a lot. His stories gave me a sense of what life was like during a time where I wasn't around yet. I always received good grades in his class, but not because I was the smartest student, but because if I ever needed any extra help, Mr. Lonny never hesitated to help me. He always respected students who showed him respect. Over the semesters we developed a good friendship and each semester we would talk more and more. He will be missed by a lot of people and especially by me. Rest In Peace.

brian - February 06, 2019 at 08:38 PM



“ I had Mr. Lonny for 2 semesters, this was going to be the third semester that he was going to be teaching me. He was a very funny person always shearing his personal stories. He would never miss his classes. Sometimes when class finished he would talk to us about some other stuff. We are all going to miss him so much. He can not be replaced. He is in a better place now, were he is going to keep having his own adventures. Im am truly sorry for his family lost. My deepest condolences.

Jyhane Avila - February 06, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ Mr. Lonny was a man of great character and always made his best efforts to ensure that each student in his class understood the material being presented. He really cared about each individual in the room. I am thankful for being a part of this industrial technology program as well as all of the knowledge I have gained from him. Thank you for everything, rest in peace my friend.

Kendall Gaspard - February 06, 2019 at 02:11 PM



“ Mr. Lonny was one of my favorite teachers during my time at SLCC. He was a very intelligent, experienced, and proud teacher. It was nice hearing his lectures of school and life. He will be greatly missed.

Kyle Thompson - February 06, 2019 at 02:10 PM



“ Mr. Lonny has taught me here at SLCC since 2015. Ive learned a lot from him the past few years here and finally being able to graduate with all the knowledge I have gained from Mr. Lonny. Ill remember his stories about OSU and everywhere he has worked for the rest of my life. There will never be another teacher like him. May he rest in piece. Condolences to the family.

Luke Latiolais - February 06, 2019 at 02:09 PM



“ Mr. Lonny was one of my favorite teachers I've had of my many years of higher education. His shared knowledge of his work experience not only entertained us students, but taught us about life and the subject. He will be deeply missed, and his life and stories will carry on through the Industrial Technology department. I send my deepest sorrows to his family. May he rest in peace.

Jacob David - February 06, 2019 at 02:09 PM



“ REST EASY MR LONNY YOU WILL BE MISSED

MAX DERISE - February 06, 2019 at 02:06 PM



“ I'm very sorry for ya'll loss, Lonny was the first of my teachers I met here at SLCC and was definitely my favorite. His long tales of his time in Texas all the times he worked on cars and his time in Oklahoma teaching auto cad. He reminded me about my Great Grandfather, and how he used to talk before he passed in 2012. Lonny's passing brought much sadness, as I had hoped to take many of his classes. praying for you all
-Ethan Sistrunk

Ethan Sistrunk - February 06, 2019 at 11:26 AM



“ I had Mr. Lonny every semester i attended SLCC and grew to know him and his famous stories very well over the short period of time I knew him. He was a dedicated teacher and truly cared about his students. If I ever had a problem understanding some of the material he taught he would go out of his way after class to help me understand. He was truly a man of character, rest in peace Mr. Lonny.

William Mayer - February 06, 2019 at 11:25 AM



“ Mr. Lonny you have taught me allot in these past two years, things that will stick with me my whole life. I am proud to say i was able to have you as a professor. I can't thank you enough for all that you have taught me. You will be deeply missed. Rest In Peace my friend...

Caleb Evans - February 06, 2019 at 06:49 AM



“ My name is Charles Coatney, I want to extend my most sincere sadness and prayers for Mr. Lonny. He and I shared small, but delightful conversations the mornings I had his class. Over the past semesters, I grew to truly enjoy his company, the way Mr. Lonny carried himself made me hold him in high regard. From the way he spoke about his life, he loved his family, and his work ethic drove his education to mesh his hobby and his profession and create a life for himself. He’s an inspiration to all of us in Industrial Technology.

Charles Coatney - February 05, 2019 at 01:23 PM



“ Very touching.

Sharon - February 05, 2019 at 10:09 PM



“ I never had the opportunity to have a conversation with Mr. Lonny, but we have greeted each other as we pass through the halls of SLCC-Ardoin Building. My deepest sympathy to his family and my he rest in peace. And most importantly, Thank you for your serve!



Sandra C. Duffy - February 04, 2019 at 10:02 AM



“ I will miss him coming into my office to have a conversation about the students who received accommodations from Disability Services. Every time I saw him walking in the halls he was in a good mood. I will miss having him around and our conversations.

Kimberly Lachney - February 04, 2019 at 09:43 AM



“ I will never forget G. He was such a selfless, loving and giving man. He encouraged me to take my first college course at SLCC, brought me bowling countless times with his grandson, Alex. Took me to my first Dallas Cowboys game. He had so many life experiences to share. There was always something you could learn from him. May he Rest In Peace. Love you G.

Austin Mitchell - February 03, 2019 at 11:16 PM



“ Mr. Lonny was a true inspiration to us all in the ltech department his stories and advice helped further our education even beyond the course work.

Logan Moreau - February 03, 2019 at 11:09 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I loved talking to Mr. Lonny. Always smiling and had words of wisdom. He will be missed.

Monica Lafleur

Monica Lafleur - February 03, 2019 at 09:03 PM



“ Mr. Lonny was a great professor, whom I respected and admired for his dedication to his job. I am going to miss listening to his stories in class. He will definitely be missed by many. My condolences to his family, he will always be remembered.

Mariana Hernandez - February 03, 2019 at 07:24 PM



“ All of us at SLCC share your loss. Lonny always had a smile and kind word. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Joiclyn Austin

Joiclyn Austin - February 03, 2019 at 01:59 PM



“ You brought to us strength, compassion, and a spirit of venturesome boldness. You will be forever missed by those who knew you — my sincere condolence to the family.

Buddy Harper

Buddy Harper - February 03, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ 74 files added to the album LifeTributes



Martin & Castille Funeral Home - February 03, 2019 at 09:55 AM



“ To the family of Lonny McDonald,
I am so sorry for your loss . Lonny was a wonderful colleague and storyteller. God bless you, Lonny!

Katherine Rolfes, Slcc Library Director

Katherine Rolfes - February 03, 2019 at 12:36 AM



“ My deepest condolences. I loved meeting Lonny on campus. He had a smile ready every time. He was my colleague at SLCC since I started working there. I will miss him so much. My thoughts are with you.

Sara Albert, Biology Professor

Sara Albert - February 02, 2019 at 09:39 PM



“ Please accept our deepest condolences! Mr Lonny will always live in my memory! We had some very intense conversations when I was one of his students at SLCC. I was an older student who kind of felt out of place with all the young students. Mr. Lonny made me feel at ease and he made sure I didn't give up. I'll always be grateful to him!

I already sent a request to my connection in Heaven to keep an eye out for him and to make sure he knows that we all love him down here. You see, my son is up there and I shared Jordan's story with Mr. Lonny more than once.

Just remember,

Grief never ends...but it changes.

It's a passage, not a place to stay.

Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith....

It is the price of love.

The Prince Family

Gary, Paulette, & Jacob

Gary Prince - February 02, 2019 at 08:51 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lonny Orson McDonald.



February 02, 2019 at 08:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lonny Orson McDonald.



February 02, 2019 at 07:22 PM



“ Jonathan Perrin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lonny Orson McDonald.



Jonathan Perrin - February 02, 2019 at 06:02 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the family. He was a pleaser to be around and I truly enjoyed his company.

Jonathan Perrin
Halliburton – Manufacturing Manager

Jonathan Perrin - February 02, 2019 at 05:56 PM



“ When Sharon Haristy, our daughter, was first hired we came to SLCC for a tour of her new workplace. She wanted to show us her office, classrooms, and the Industrial Technology lab. My husband and I saw her office and met Lonny. We talked with him for at least a half hour. My husband and him had a great deal in common. The both were raised around horses and worked in the oilfield. Didn't have much time for the tour that day, but boy did we enjoy talking to Lonny! Also we were very pleased to have our daughter working with him. He was very kind, and knowledgeable.

Our prayers are with the family, faculty and students,
Gloria and Billy Haristy

Gloria Haristy - February 02, 2019 at 05:14 PM



“ Great gentleman. Loved his country and his students. He will be greatly missed.

G.H. Massiha
Department of Industrial Technology
UL Lafayette

G.H. Massiha - February 02, 2019 at 04:38 PM



“ Sharon Haristy lit a candle in memory of Lonny Orson McDonald



Sharon Haristy - February 02, 2019 at 04:21 PM



“ Our department is deeply saddened by the loss of our instructor, and friend. He was a dedicated, loyal colleague and he will be greatly missed by me and all of our students.

Sharon - February 02, 2019 at 04:01 PM



“ Mr Lonny was a fun teacher, a champion of women in Industrial Technology and especially funny about how much he loved skittles. I used to hide packages on his desk when he wasn't around. He was always ready with advice for students on anything from car problems to jobs tips, and always ready to argue about football in his affectionately grumpy way.

Fair winds, following seas, and a star to guide you. From Lina and our Navy family.

Lina Hauck - February 02, 2019 at 03:51 PM



“ Danyé Levi lit a candle in memory of Lonny Orson McDonald



Danyé Levi - February 02, 2019 at 03:13 PM



“ So sorry to hear of his passing. Praying for his family.
-Adult Ed Instructor SLCC

Danyé - February 02, 2019 at 03:14 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Lonny's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.
Rest In Peace Mr. Lonny.

Corinne Dupuy
UL Lafayette
College of Engineering

Corinne Dupuy - February 02, 2019 at 04:24 PM



“ Frankie Stelly lit a candle in memory of Lonny Orson McDonald



Frankie Stelly - February 02, 2019 at 02:57 PM



“ I met Lonny at SLCC about six years ago and he was real and really funny in his own serious way I loved that , he is my buddy .

Frankie Stelly - February 02, 2019 at 02:39 PM



“ UMA DEORAS lit a candle in memory of Lonny Orson McDonald



UMA DEORAS - February 02, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ It is a surprise to know that Mr. Lonny passed away. Mr. Lonny will be missed. Uma Deoras, Business Professor at SLCC

UMA DEORAS - February 02, 2019 at 01:53 PM