



## Dennis McDonald

May 20, 1943 - April 5, 2024

On Friday, April 5, 2024, our beloved Father, Dennis McDonald passed away at the age of 80. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Dennis' family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

A graveside service will be held for Dennis on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 10 am at South Park Cemetery.

Dennis was born on May 20, 1943, in St. Louis, Missouri to Edward and Rosemary McDonald. Along with his siblings Noel, Raymond, Jerry, and Mary Kay, the family moved to Roswell, New Mexico where Dennis attended and graduated from St. Peter High School, class of 1962. He played basketball, worked a paper route, and was an active member of St. Peter Catholic Church. Dennis attended the New Mexico Military Institute his first year of college and went on to graduate from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales in 1965, majoring in Commercial Art. He enlisted in the United States Army National Guard and Army Reserve serving our country until he was honorably discharged in 1971. Dennis was an artist and entrepreneur, working for different sign shops and owning a few as well. He married Sue Lamon and raised their son, Joel McDonald, for a short time in Roswell before moving to Colorado Springs, Colorado where he resided for many years. Dennis' name is synonymous with hard work. He was also a perfectionist, leaving him very little free time. But when he did, he loved to paint and work with his hands. He loved fast cars and enjoyed tinkering in the garage. In his later years, Dennis rekindled his love with his high school sweet-heart, Sharon (Chewing)

McDonald. They were married on September 26, 2001, and resided in Colorado Springs, Colorado for 9 years before moving back to Roswell to retire and be closer to family. He stayed devoted to his family, loved his dogs, Seamus, Shotzi, and Bella, and enjoyed reading the newspaper and watching any sports game on TV. And let's not forget, he could eat a whole box of chocolate chip cookies! In the last ten years of his life he battled cancer, all while working and still taking care of his wife. He was small in stature but mighty strong in spirit. He was a God-fearing man that loved his family and friends unconditionally.

Dennis is preceded in death by his father, Edward McDonald; mother, Rosemary McDonald; brothers: Noel, Raymond, and Jerry McDonald; and wife, Sharon McDonald.

He is survived by his son, Joel McDonald; stepdaughter, Kelly Ramey and husband, Harold; stepdaughter, Nicole Madden, and husband Jonathan; his grandchildren: Christiana Harvey, Shannon McDonald, Dante McDonald, and Matthew Ramey; sister, Mary Kay Youngs and husband Doug.

A special thank you to Dennis' stepdaughter Kelly for her devout care during his toughest years of battling cancer, Diane Madrid his in-home caregiver, and the medical staff and Oncology team at Kymera.

Dennis' tribute was lovingly written by his family.

# Tribute Wall

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“D”.... *Devoted Dad,Dedicated Father!!*  
*When going gets tough the tough gets going, and that’s exactly how I will remember you! I’ve learned to have structure not to skip a step. A job or just simply having fun making a murder board game so we could have family fun together.*  
*You had so much faith in me even when I was scared, all the miles and every Dr Apt. it was worth it.. I will miss you every day*  
*I Love you with all my heart!*  
*Kelly*

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**Kelly & Harold Ramey** - April 22, 2024 at 11:45 PM

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“ Dennis had the patience and talent to guide me in my first beginnings as a sign painter. Tesco was a noisy disturbing place to be employed but with Dennis' help I got good enough, soon enough, to be on my own forever after. I've thought of him many times over the years and have always been grateful for his contribution to my life. A classy dude, for sure. Best regards to Mary Kay, too. Tom "Spivak" Hyland

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**Tom Hyland** - April 22, 2024 at 11:35 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dennis McDonald.



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April 19, 2024 at 10:56 AM

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“*Doug, Mary Kay and The Youngs family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis McDonald.*

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**Doug, Mary Kay and The Youngs family** - April 19, 2024 at 10:56 AM