

Lowell McDonald

April 10, 1943 - January 1, 2021

Lowell McDonald, age 77 of Bad Axe, passed away on Friday, January 1, 2021 at his home of a heart attack.

Lowell was born in Detroit April 10, 1943 to Kenneth and Mildred (Kirkpatrick) McDonald. Lowell attended Kinde schools from the 7th grade through the 10th grade and graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1961. He then attended Northeastern School of Commerce in Bay City, Michigan and graduated in December 1963. He and Beth Townley were married August 31, 1963. Lowell worked for General Cable, Cass City for one year and then he and Beth bought into McDonalds' IGA with his father and mother. He had worked there with his dad and mom since he was 11 years old. The store was his passion. He worked there until the store closed March 11, 2020. He and Beth were currently working as greeters at Meijers in Bad Axe.

He is survived by his wife, Beth, of Bad Axe, son Dave (Tina) McDonald of Bad Axe, daughters Rhonda (Allen) Robinson of Hillsborough, North Carolina, and Carla (Jon) Cousineau of Tipton, Michigan and 9 grandchildren; Adrienne (Justin) Kociba, Erica (Kyle) Peruski, Kristen (Rece) Essenmacher, Sydney (Frank) Duda, Kelsey, Halee, and Riley Robinson, Jenna and Nicholas Cousineau, 4 great-grandchildren; Lyla, Kruz and Nash Kociba, and Leni Peruski. A brother, Wayne (Michelle) McDonald of Marlette, sister, Joyce McDonald of Bad Axe, brother-in-law, Philip (Carol) Townley of Grayling,

Michigan and many nieces and nephews and his coffee buddies.

He was proceeded in death by his parents Kenneth and Mildred McDonald and his in-laws Richard and Myrtie Townley and his sister-in-law, Marilyn Townley.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place. Private funeral service will be held with a celebration of his life at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lowell McDonald*

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *Dear Beth,
John and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of Lowell. You and he are so loved by the community. Truly pillars and so well respected. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please take care. Jan and John Sternberg.*

Jan Sternberg - February 15, 2021 at 10:56 PM



“ *Beth and family, so very sorry for your loss. Lowell was such a good man, always ready to help others and the community. Could not tell you how many brats I've eaten over the years, lol. Very generous man and will be greatly missed.*

Carol weber - January 20, 2021 at 08:48 PM

LR

“ Beth and family: I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Lowell. What a GREAT man! He was so loved by the community. I know I sure miss our beloved store, that your family took such pride in. Lowell was always so good with my mom and dad (Ray and Barb Mazure)! I am not always sure Lowell knew who I was with the mask thing, in Meijer's store, when he was greeting customers so warmly. We all know where he is now, in HEAVEN! May God grant us comfort in knowing this, and it is not the end, but an eventual reunion of all when it is our time (I pray)!

Jim and Lori Romzek

Lori Romzek - January 18, 2021 at 04:41 PM

KH

“ Mcdonald Family. Was so sorry to hear about Lowell. He and your family were the best to work for. Such a kind man. When I lost my husband he and your family out of the kindness of your hearts took care of my funeral brunch when I needed help. That has always been in my mind. Again you are all in my prayers. He will be missed. Kathleen Henderson.

Kathleen Henderson - January 15, 2021 at 01:51 PM

MK

“ Our prayers go out to Beth and family as our community mourns Lowell's passing over to Heaven. How many lives did this good man touch? His purpose certainly was to be our town's friendly storekeeper. His Spartan grocery store and coffee shop were more than businesses. His loving Christian heart filled the place. The uplifting atmosphere was a blessing to all, rich and poor, high and low people were all welcome. The rare quality of customer service never wavered. I thank your family and workers for kindness for the handicapped and special treatment for my friend, Mary. I know she welcomed Lowell at the pearly gates because he was a friend to all. God bless and comfort all who knew him and may we carry on his example of a true Godly man. Dan and Marie Kiehl

Marie Kiehl - January 10, 2021 at 08:30 AM

BK

“ We are so sorry for your loss of a great man! We send our condolences and prayers for the family.



Brian and Kelly Kube - January 09, 2021 at 02:36 PM

DP

“ Beth and family. Lynn and I were pleased to have known Lowell. He was a special man with his community always in mind. Your family worked with my dad Bruce to support Good Fellows for years. He will be missed. Bless you. Dennis parsons. Dparsons306@yahoo.com

dennis parsons - January 09, 2021 at 08:12 AM

MS

“ So sorry to hear of the death of Lowell. You have my sympathy. Lowell and the McDonald family is an excellent example of what a community should be. He will be greatly missed. Look forward to seeing him in Heaven someday.

Mike & Marge Stevenson

Marge Stevenson - January 07, 2021 at 09:40 AM

MS

“ Lowell McDonald was the kindness Man I ever knew! It was a complete privilege to work at McDonalds Food Center! Lowell & Beth had a very special Love Story!!! He WILL be greatly missed!!!! Pray that his family will always feel his presence with them !! Loved Him! So helpful to his beloved customers!!! Till we meet again Lowell remember I loved ya!!! Mary Jo Schember

Mary Jo Schember - January 06, 2021 at 09:34 PM

MS

“ Dear Beth and family. My sympathy are for each one of you. Beth and I graduated from good old BAHS together many years ago. Beth my heartfelt sympathy is with you. I know how you feel as I have walked this road twice. But for my having Jesus as my Saviour and constant company I would not have gotten thru this very difficult time. Put your trust in our Lord and He will get you thru this time. Your children can do the same

Marilyn Smithers - January 06, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ I first met Lowell in 1985 when I moved to the area and started shopping at his Spartan store, a chain I had shopped at for years before. I continued as a loyal customer doing most all of my grocery shopping there until the store closed and I can honestly say I really miss that place and the people - fortunately, many of those folks, including Lowell and Beth, can be found at Meijer's. I also thank Lowell for giving my son his first job and encouraging his school work. My deepest sympathies to Beth, Dave, and the rest of the family on their loss. I feel I have lost a friend.

Al Aubuchon - January 05, 2021 at 02:26 PM



“ Beth and family, I am so very sorry for your loss!!! Lowell was a great man and such an asset to the community! Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all! God Bless Luanne Foster

Luanne Fostet - January 04, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ So sorry for your loss he always had a smile and talked to everyone when McDonald's food center was open, he will be truly missed and I was so Happy to see him at Meijer again to say hi. I'm just sorry our family food center closed he will be truly missed my prayers are sent to the family

Renee Williamson - January 03, 2021 at 07:31 PM

RC

“ *Lowell McDonald was a one of a kind, so caring, giving and loving. He did so much for our young people and the community. He showed good work ethics to his employees and yet so kind. He will truly be missed by many. Sending prayers to his family for comfort and peace. God's blessings.*

Ron and Randie Clark

Randie Clark - January 03, 2021 at 03:07 PM

 Hal
Learman

“ *My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Lowell gave me my first job away from the farm. He was part of the most generous family I know. May his spirit live on!*

Hal Learman - January 03, 2021 at 02:35 PM

RW

“ *Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to the McDonald family. Lowell was a truly honorable man and a pillar of the community. What an incredible loss. Those who knew Lowell recognized quickly that the world was truly a better place because of him. We could not be more confident that heaven is now blessed with his goodness!*

Rob & Amy Wehner - January 03, 2021 at 01:24 PM

DO

“ Lowell exemplified what it meant to be a Christian in every sense of the word. He lived his life for others. It was an honor to know him, and to work with him, when I was a reporter, and later as the executive director of the Huron County Community Foundation. Lowell was passionate about the foundation, and its benefits for the Huron County Community. May Lowell rest in the peace of Christ and may his family and friends take comfort in the hope of the Resurrection!

Debbie Oglenski - January 03, 2021 at 11:46 AM

RM

“ Dear McDonald family,
Deepest sympathy to all of you for the loss of such a wonderful man.
His kind heart and giving soul he's so much to our community. He most certainly will be missed by many many people. God Bless.
Rhonda, Greg and Amanda Matelski



Rhonda Matelski - January 03, 2021 at 11:35 AM

CG

“ I can't express the sadness I feel, heaven has gained such a kind soul. I had the pleasure of working for him for 18 years, he always had a kind word to say about everyone and he had a very contagious laugh...prayers to the whole McDonald's family!

Cindy Chew Gooden - January 03, 2021 at 12:30 AM



“ We were so sorry to hear about Lowell. He was a wonderful, generous and kind hearted man. The McDonald family has done more to influence our community for good than any other business I've known. Our hearts and prayer go out to Beth and her children and grandchildren. Lowell will be sadly missed, but we rejoice in knowing we will see him again in Heaven one day.

Laurie White - January 02, 2021 at 08:57 PM

DO

“ we are sorry for your loss. I served as a rep for farm bureau on the north gate association for six years and got to know Lowell very well. He was a kind hearted person with compassion for all people. The community has lost a great leader and a great family man. He will be missed. Dale and Linda Oeschger

Dale Oeschger - January 02, 2021 at 07:43 PM

CK

“ The community has lost one of their greatest treasures. Lowell always supported so many people and organizations not only in Bad Axe but the entire County. Lowell was a member of the Bad Axe Rotary Club for so many years and exemplified our motto “Service Above Self”. He always thought of others. God bless you Lowell! Prayers also to Beth and the entire McDonald family.

Cheryl & Dave krueger - January 02, 2021 at 07:38 PM

DV

“ What a great man, he was always so kind and caring for everyone who knew him. A real man to follow his lead in whatever he did.

Donald Vandenberghe - January 02, 2021 at 06:58 PM

PC

“ One Of the kindest human beings I’ve ever had the honor to know. Lowell and Beth helped me and my family through one of the darkest periods and our lives. Their kindness and compassion has stayed with me all these years and I have tried to live my life following their example. The world lost a true treasure when Lowell McDonald left this life. My heart is with you, Beth, and your family at this time.

Pat Cross - January 02, 2021 at 04:30 PM

MD

“ The community lost a treasure when we lost Lowell. Our sincere condolences to his family. Randy and Mary Dhyse

Mary Dhyse - January 02, 2021 at 03:24 PM

WW

“ Farewell Lowell, a long time friend. Condolences to all of your family. Lowell and I first met many years ago when we attended the Redman Country School in Bloomfield Township in 1951. We also were students at North Huron High in the 10th grade. Although he graduated from Bad Axe High, he was a special guest of honor at the Reunion of the 1961 North Huron grads in 2007. As many knew Lowell, was a caring gentleman to all and will be sorely missed. May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, Rest in Peace.
Warner "Butch" Weiss

Warner Weiss - January 02, 2021 at 03:10 PM

SM

Certainly a jewel, you said it right!

Sally McGrath, Cass City MI - January 02, 2021 at 03:38 PM

AL


“ One of the best men I had the pleasure of knowing and getting to work for. Lowell always put others first and was willing to help anyone he could. He will be greatly missed. Prayers went to his family that lost such a wonderful person.

Ashley Lacy - January 02, 2021 at 02:54 PM

KC

“ Huron County's #1 perso who was caring, giving, considerate, sharing and donating to others, that was Lowell. , He always welcomed you to his store and took time to visit with you. He strongly supported the Thanksgiving Blessing Dinner and him asking me to help with other fundraiser events, that he funded, is my greatest memory of him. I am sure he is already helping others in Heaven. Prayers sent to his family.

Kathy Collings - January 02, 2021 at 02:53 PM

 Todd Thompson

“ What a truly nice person with a BIG heart.

Todd Thompson - January 02, 2021 at 02:30 PM

BF

“ My Prayers & Sympathy go out to Lowell & his family.

Bobby W. Flomerfelt - January 02, 2021 at 02:00 PM

BF

“ My family knew Lowell we've shopped at Mc.Donalds food store for years we looked forward to Saturday morning to get our groceries there Lowell was always kind to us. We all will miss you Lowell.

Bobby W. Flomerfelt - January 02, 2021 at 01:58 PM

AR

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of the very kind man. My prayers are with his family. He had a heart for people, and he will be missed.

Andrea Rapson - January 02, 2021 at 01:09 PM

KH

“ Rest in Peace Lowell. You cared so much for our entire community. Your thoughtful and caring personality will live on forever in our hearts. We always enjoyed talking with you when we had lunch or was shopping. You made everyone feel welcome. Prayers to Beth and the entire family. Duey and Karen Holz

Karen Holz - January 02, 2021 at 01:01 PM

JT

“ Lowell had such a big heart for the local community. He will be missed❤️❤️

jean thompson - January 02, 2021 at 12:10 PM

RF

“ Rick And Lori Murawske And Famiky lit a candle in memory of Lowell McDonald



Rick and Lori Murawske and famiky - January 02, 2021 at 11:58 AM

AS

“ *Heaven received a wonderful Angel!
Thoughts and prayers going to the family!* ”



Amy Jo Sageman - January 02, 2021 at 11:47 AM

RC

“ *So sad to hear of Lowell’s passing. Lowell was a kind, generous, caring and loving family man. He was like a brother to me and I will always cherish our memories. Sending my condolences and prayers to the family.* ”

Richard Cousineau - January 02, 2021 at 11:37 AM

LC

“ *We are left with precious memories of a kind, loving, soul. You will remain in our hearts always. Comforting thought to Beth and family .* ”

Linda Cousineau - January 02, 2021 at 11:29 AM

CM

Lowell, a special man indeed. So many happy memories of him will remain with so many who knew him. Kind, loving, so much fun to be around. We love you so. Phil and Carol Townley

Carol Malcolm/Townley - January 02, 2021 at 11:44 AM

AZ

“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Lowell’s passing. He was such a great man and will be missed. What a wonderful “homecoming” he must have had. Please know that we are praying for you all.* ”

Anne and Tom Ziel - January 02, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lowell McDonald.*



January 02, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ *Lowell was a kind hearted man who would help anyone!!! I cried the day I found out the store was closing .it was such a big part of my life.I went there every week to shop with my mom and continued once I had a family of my own..., the McDonald family became like family to me . Seeing those happy faces every week for 30 plus years of my life and Lowell always being one of those smiling faces it's sad to hear he has passed... fly with the angels in heaven my dear friend!!! You will be missed 🙏❤️*

Gena Leitch - January 02, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ *To Beth and all of Lowell's family,
I am truly sorry for your loss. Lowell was such a fantastic, genuine, caring person. I am honored to have known him and to have had the opportunity for the many conversations we've shared. His devotion to his family and the community will always be remembered. I just shared some information with my crew about his history with Central Huron Ambulance and his devotion to Huron County and this is what I told them: If ever anyone needed a definition of a Humanitarian, Lowell's name should be boldly printed in the dictionary. He has been a true inspiration to many, myself included.
You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Linda Shisler - January 02, 2021 at 11:02 AM

ES

“ *Such a warm caring man. This is a great loss to family and friends. And anyone that knew him was a friend.. always had a friendly smile and a warm hello.. always had time to talk.. RIP Mr. McDonald..*

Elizabeth Smith - January 02, 2021 at 10:50 AM

JS

“ *Such an amazing man. My mom worked at McDonald's for many years so I grew up around the store. As I got older I started working for the Catering Connection. He was always wonderful to our family and treated us like family! He will be greatly missed. Sending my condolences and prayers to the family.*

Joscelyne Schlabach - January 02, 2021 at 10:44 AM

PE

“ *Lowell was one of the kindest most generous people I have ever known. He was always so full of joy and treated everyone with such respect. The whole community grieves with his family now. He truly touched the lives of anyone who knew him. He will be greatly missed and truly irreplaceable. Prayers for all his family now.*

Penny Errer - January 02, 2021 at 10:35 AM

 Dawn Deering

“ *I'm so sad for the loss of Lowell McDonald. He was a wonderful man to work for. He was wonderful Business man and always had his best interest for his Employees, Customers and Community.*

Dawn Deering - January 02, 2021 at 10:21 AM

AS

“ One of the truly "quality" people, it was an honor to know him. Our condolences to the family for their loss.

Andy & Jean Sommers

Andy Sommers - January 02, 2021 at 09:39 AM

TL

Lowell was truly a remarkable man - a devout Christian and a devoted family man. The community has lost a beloved friend! Our condolences and love to the family. Ted and Peg Leipprandt

Ted S Leipprandt - January 02, 2021 at 10:15 AM

DW

LOWELL WAS A SAINT TO HURON COUNTY AND THEIR PEOPLE, AS WELL AS THE REST OF HIS FAMILY. HE DONE SO MUCH FOR OUR COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE. HE ALWAYS SEEM SO HAPPY WHEN YOU WOULD SEE HIM. HE ALWAYS OFFERED HELP TO PEOPLE IN NEED. GIVING OUR YOUNG CHILDREN A CHANCE TO GROW UP , AND LEARN WHILE WORKING AT THE STORE. HE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. OUR CONDOLENCES TO BETH AND THE REST OF THE FAMILY.

DENNIS & JOANN WRUBEL - January 02, 2021 at 11:19 AM



So so sad to hear of Lowell's passing!! This community is losing one of the most kind, generous, devout men I have ever had the HONOR to know & Heaven is truly gaining an ANGEL!! Condolences to his family as I know he will be so missed by not only them but EVERYONE who knew him!! May we all find peace knowing he is HOME after truly earning his wings!! Peaceful rest unto you, Lowell finally seeing just how many lives you've so kindly touched on this Earth. Dale & Nancy Siemen

Nancy Siemen - January 02, 2021 at 02:37 PM

AS

I have known the Lowell and Beth McDonald for many years. Lowell and Beth were so giving and I don't think there was anyone that was turned away when help was requested. Such a testament to how truly wonderful Lowell was with the outpouring of love and respect he is being given. Both Jack and I will miss our dear friend. 'They will enter Zion with singing, everlasting joy will crown their heads, gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighness will flee away.' Isaiah 35:10

Annie Simon - January 03, 2021 at 11:26 AM

GB

Our deepest sympathy to the family. I have not known a kinder man.

Gary & Lori Babcock - January 05, 2021 at 02:38 PM

SB

A great big smile has left my life. A wonderful friend and icon for integrity and grit! Loved you Mac. Bless Beth and the family their loss is so painful.

Sally Brade - January 06, 2021 at 11:41 PM