



John McDonald Jr.

October 27, 1979 - May 9, 2025

Celebrating the Life of John M. “Johnny Mac” McDonald Jr.

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our dear son, brother, uncle, nephew, and friend to many. John passed away unexpectedly at the age of 45. Born and raised in Florence County to John “Mike” McDonald Sr. and the late Kathy Morris McDonald. Celebration of life will be Saturday, May 17 at Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home in Darlington, SC at 11:00am. Visitation will follow the service. The family will be receiving visitors at his sister’s house, 325 S. Center Rd., Hartsville, SC.

John attended Florence Public Schools and graduated from Shiloh Christian School. John was passionate about baseball, playing throughout his youth at the Greenwood Baseball field. An avid supporter of the Gamecocks, Atlanta Braves, and NASCAR, he found joy in following his favorite teams.

John completed training at Dent Wizard’s school in St. Louis and built an impressive career spanning over 24 years as a PDR Technician. His commitment to excellence led him through continuous training, culminating in the prestigious Platinum World Class certification, which required rigorous testing at Master, 4-Star, and World Class levels—an accomplishment reflecting his dedication and strive for excellence.

John is survived by his sister, Jenifer (Chris) O’Neal of Hartsville, and his beloved nieces Madison and Morgan (Carson) O’Neal of Hartsville. He is also remembered by Aunt Janis (Jay) Motte of Florence, cousins Kay (Wayne) Douglas of Florence, Mackey Miles of Myrtle Beach, Jason (Kristen) Motte

and Sage Motte of Greenville, Mary Anne (Jeff) Meacham, Will and Olivia Meacham of Rockingham NC.

John was predeceased by his grandparents Henry and Katheryn Morris, and Jim and Peggy McDonald, all of Florence; aunts Brenda Miles of Conway and Suzanne McInnis of Rockingham; nephew Matthew Ryan O'Neal of Hartsville, and 4-legged loyal companion, Captain.

While we grieve his loss on earth, John is now reunited with his mother, whom he cherished deeply. John spent his years enjoying life in Florence and at the beach, leaving a lasting impression wherever he went. His absence will be profoundly felt by our family. We will remember him fondly and continue to cheer for the Gamecocks and Braves in his memory.

We are in the process of setting up a trust to sponsor a new Dent Wizard technician in purchasing tools in John's honor. Please mail checks to Jenifer O'Neal, 325 S. Center Rd. Hartsville, SC 29550.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (Est)

Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home
315 Pearl Street
Darlington, SC 29532

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Jon And Melissa Buchholz lit a candle in memory of John McDonald Jr.*



Jon and Melissa Buchholz - May 20, 2025 at 08:58 AM

KW

“ *Ken Wiggins lit a candle in memory of John McDonald Jr.*



Ken Wiggins - May 16, 2025 at 08:43 PM

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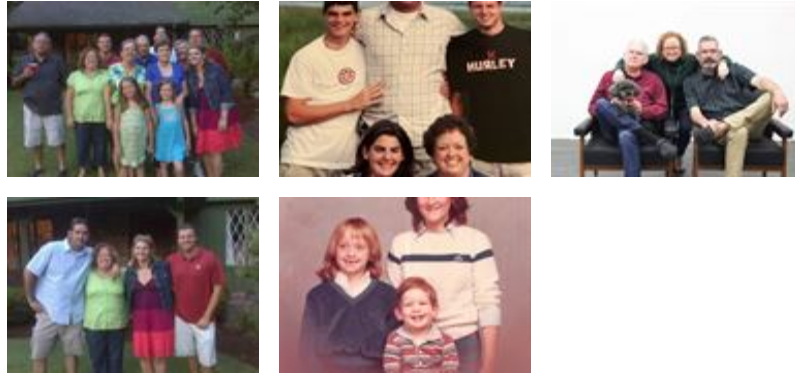
“ *May God's peace surround you and uphold you through this difficult time. Sending up prayers for the entire family.*



A. McRavin - May 16, 2025 at 07:34 PM



“ 127 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home - May 16, 2025 at 01:59 PM

YF

“ Your AMN Strike Family purchased the *Serenity Wreath* for the family of *John McDonald Jr.*



Your AMN Strike Family - May 15, 2025 at 06:37 PM

YF

“ Your AMN Strike Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *John McDonald Jr.*

Your AMN Strike Family - May 15, 2025 at 06:37 PM

RD

“ We are still in shock and disbelief over the passing of *Johnny Mac*. He was a good friend that we are going to miss like crazy. We will love him forever. May you find peace in his passing and comfort as you grieve your loss.

Regina Duncan - May 14, 2025 at 05:01 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of John McDonald Jr..*



May 14, 2025 at 04:55 PM



“ *Wes Lynch Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John McDonald Jr..*



Wes Lynch Family - May 14, 2025 at 01:24 PM



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Wes Lynch Family - May 14, 2025 at 01:24 PM



“ *Prayers and thoughts to your family*

Mitchell and Judy Turner - May 14, 2025 at 11:33 AM



“ *We were heartbroken to hear of Johnny Mac passing! He was one of a kind, he will be missed by all who knew him! Florence and Garden City will never be the same. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Kimberly Nida - May 13, 2025 at 09:17 AM

SM

“ My thoughts & prayers are with each of you . I ask God to hold you close on His loving arms and fill your mind and heart with peace.



Stella C McGee - May 13, 2025 at 04:35 AM

LO

“ I was School Administrator at Shiloh Christian Academy where John graduated. I am saddened to hear of his passing. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. 💕🙏



Linda Odom - May 12, 2025 at 07:07 PM

FB

“ Jennifer and Mike, Stanley and I were so heartbroken to hear of John’s passing. He was such a good kid and was like a part of our family and Brent yours. Lean on Lord for strength and comfort in the days ahead. There will forever be an empty place in our lives without John here with us. There are no words any of us can say because there are none. You all have a lot of people praying for you and love you.



faye butler - May 12, 2025 at 03:30 PM

LB

“ To Family of JohnnyMac,
We are deeply sorry and heartbroken to learn of his passing. He was the epitome of a true gentleman, loved and respected by his friends. JohnnyMac will be missed by us and we pray for you as you grieve now and going forward with his loving memories.
Rest In Peace, JMac ... 🙏🙏🙏

Leroy Bailey
Florence, SC

Leroy Bailey - May 12, 2025 at 12:46 PM

BC

“ John and I grew up together playing little league baseball together at Greenwood. I have very fond memories of John during our childhood years. Even though we grew apart and didn't see each other much as we got older, I always enjoyed reminiscing with him during Bike Week. It was like we were kids again back on the ball field, laughing and cutting up. He never changed, was a genuinely a good dude. R.I.P buddy!!
Family is in my prayers and thoughts, so sorry for your loss.



Brandon Cantey - May 11, 2025 at 10:25 PM

BC

“ Barry And Bonnie Cantey lit a candle in memory of John McDonald Jr.



Barry and Bonnie Cantey - May 11, 2025 at 08:44 PM

BC

We are so sorry for your lost and our prayers 🙏 are with the family.

Barry and Bonnie Cantey - May 11, 2025 at 08:54 PM

DD

“ *David And Alice Dill lit a candle in memory of John McDonald Jr.*



David and Alice Dill - May 10, 2025 at 09:19 PM

DD

We are so sorry to hear of John's passing. Your family is in our prayers. David and Alice Dill

David and Alice Dill - May 10, 2025 at 09:21 PM

LB

*To the family of JohnnyMac,
He was the epitome of a true gentleman; loved and respected by all who knew him. We are indeed sorry for your loss and pray that the loving memories you have of and with him will help sustain your grief during this difficult and emotional time. You are in the prayers of his friends.*

Rest In Peace, our friend ... you will be missed 🙏

Leroy Bailey - May 11, 2025 at 09:48 PM