



## Harriett McDonald

October 7, 1926 - October 15, 2023

Harriett McDonald (nee Randall)

She was our Hero,  
She was our Best Friend,  
She was our Mom.

After living a full and blessed life, our dear Mom passed on October 15, 2023 at the age of 97 at the place that she loved most dearly, the family farm in Channahon. Born on October 7, 1926 to Harry and Margit (nee Peterson) Randall, she lived and was educated in Morris where she graduated from High School in 1944. Mom married Michael "Mickey" McDonald on July 18, 1945 where before his passing in September of 2006 they celebrated 61 years of marriage. They were blessed with six children who were raised on the family farm. Mom is survived by her five daughters, Beckey (Don) Montgomery, Carol (Milton) Eineix, Marlene (Greg) Schaefer, Michealene (Tom) Miller and Maurene (Jim) Schumacher; her seven grandchildren, Amber (Ed) Boyle, Shaun (fiancee Amanda Bernard), Mick Schaefer, MacKenzie Schaefer, Madison (Kevin) Insana, Dakota (Madi) Brown and Darby (Ernie) Hernandez; her five great grandchildren, Makenna, Logan and Shane Boyle, Lainey and Dawson Insana.

Mom is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and very dear friends who would call and check on her weekly.

Mom was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Minooka, where for many years she was involved with their Religious Education Program. She

was treasured for her selflessness, compassion for others, enduring friendships, and her love for animals.

Her life centered around her family and her life on the farm, which she loved dearly. For many years she worked alongside our Dad as they planted and harvested crops, and raised cattle and horses. Raising six children never stopped her from assisting with the daily operation on the family farm. In her later years, she enjoyed mowing her lawn and riding her ATV or golf cart from pasture to pasture giving names to the baby calves born each spring. Watching the cows and calves going through their daily routine was one of her greatest joys.

The farm was a place for holidays, celebrations and weddings. It was also a place to gather and heal when our hearts were broken. Our Mom was the heart of our family and with her passing she took pieces of our hearts with her, but in return left her love and special memories to fill the void. We may have lost an angel here on earth, but Heaven most surely has gained one more. Preceded in death by her parents; husband, Mickey (2006), son, Pat (2005), son-in-law, John Brown (2015), great grandson, Grady Isana (2021) and her brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Sue Randall.

The McDonald Family would like to thank those who have kept our Mom in their prayers and the kindness they have shown throughout these years. We would like to thank Chyanne from Lightways Hospice Care in Joliet for providing excellent care, compassion and medical advice during Mom's final months on the farm. We will be forever grateful for Chyanne's guidance.

Family will receive relatives and friends for a visitation on Thursday, October 19, 2023 from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM at The Maple Funeral Home located at 24300 S. Ford Rd, Channahon. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:00 PM at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Minooka. Funeral Guests are asked to meet directly at Church. A Private Burial for Immediate Family will be held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Minooka where she will be laid to rest next to our Dad and Brother.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in our Mom's name to

either St. Mary's Catholic Church, Minooka or Lightways Hospice Care, Joliet.  
Godspeed Mom, We Love You,  
Your Daughters.

# Cemetery Details

**St. Mary's Cemetery Minooka, IL**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

OCT **19**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

The Maple Funeral Home  
24300 West Ford Road  
Channahon, IL 60410  
(815) 467-1234  
info@themaplefuneralhome.com  
<https://www.themaplefuneralhome.com>

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# Tribute Wall



“ *My condolence. I remember Harriet from attending basketball games and graduations.*

James More - May 27, 2024 at 09:57 PM



“ *We send our condolences to your family for the loss of your amazing mom. She was beautiful, inside and out!*  
*Ric and Cathy Offerman*

Catherine Offerman - October 18, 2023 at 09:25 PM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Harriett McDonald.*



October 18, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harriett McDonald.*

October 18, 2023 at 10:53 AM

PM

“ *Mrs. McDonald was a well respected women in the Channahon community. She reminded us all that no matter how old you are stay active and you will feel forever young. She was an inspiration and will be greatly missed. She is now with her dear friend Ethel Holland. Love Patty Musich*



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**Patty Musich** - October 18, 2023 at 10:16 AM

RC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

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**Ric & Melody Coop** - October 17, 2023 at 07:37 PM

PB

“ *McDonald Family, my heartfelt condolences to all of you. When my mom was sick, Harriet either called me to check in to see how mom was doing every day , or stop by to visit with us. Her support was unwavering. Your mom was a true friend and an amazing lady.*  
❤️ *Pat Brannick*

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**Patrick Brannick** - October 17, 2023 at 06:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harriett McDonald.*



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October 17, 2023 at 05:32 PM

PM

“ *Dearest Beckey, Carol, Marlene, Michaelene, Maurene and families,  
Our sorrowful sympathy to all of you in the passing of your Mom. She was A Special Lady. Do take real good care of each other...  
With love and hugs,  
Peggy, Melody & Robb, Natalie & Casey*



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**Peggy McEvilly-Reed** - October 17, 2023 at 05:19 PM