



## Mrs. Betty Darnell McDonald

November 23, 1939 - December 17, 2020

Mrs. Betty L. Darnell McDonald, age 81, of Commerce passed away Thursday, December 17, 2020 at her residence. Mrs. McDonald was born in Commerce to the late, Valley and Minnie McElreath Darnell. In addition to her parents, Mrs. McDonald was also preceded in death by her husband, Robert McDonald, sister and brother-in-law, Frances and Bud James. Mrs. McDonald was a homemaker and a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Mrs. McDonald was the babysitter for many children in Commerce. She loved to cook, she loved her church family, and would help anyone that she could.

Mrs. McDonald is survived by her son, who she loved dearly, Ray McDonald and Shannon of Commerce; three grandchildren, Madison McDonald, Tyler and Devyn Cone.

Graveside service will be held Friday, Dec. 18th at 11:00 AM from Jackson Memorial Park with Rev. Verlin Reece officiating. The family request that those in attendance at the service please wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines.

In lieu of flowers, Mrs. McDonald's wishes are for donations to go into an education account for her granddaughter, Madison McDonald at South State Bank in Commerce.

Little-Ward Funeral Home, Commerce is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Jackson Memorial Park

6825 Jefferson Road  
Commerce, GA 30529

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Graveside at Jackson Memorial Gardens  
6825 Jefferson Road  
Commerce, GA 30529

# Tribute Wall

RA

“ Happy Birthday Mama! It doesn't seem like it's been 4 years and then again it seems like forever. Just know that we all LOVE you and miss you so much. Nobody could ever ask for a better mama. I love you and miss you.

Ray - November 23, 2024 at 12:40 PM

RM

“ Happy Birthday Mama. I love you and miss you so much!

Ray McDonald - November 23, 2023 at 07:36 PM



“ Mrs. Betty Darnell McDonald

October 09, 2023 at 05:17 AM

RA

“ Happy Birthday Mama. We live you and miss you so much. Not the same with you not here . Thinking about all the good times and good food we shared.

*I love you Mama!*

Ray - November 23, 2022 at 03:42 PM

RA

“ *Mama, it's hard to believe it has been a year since you went to Heaven. Some days seems longer than others..... it hurts to not have you with is but I know you are with Daddy and all that have gone on before. Keep watch over us. You and Daddy would be so proud of all of us especially the kids.... they have accomplished so much . We k ow y'all both would be so proud of them. Keep watching over us all..... we love you both and miss you so much! I love you mama and daddy!*



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Ray - December 17, 2021 at 06:31 PM

RA

“ *Ray lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Darnell McDonald*



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Ray - November 23, 2021 at 07:55 PM

RA

“ *Mama,  
This is your first birthday since you left us. It hurts that we dont have you with us anymore but i know you are with daddy in a better place. You both watch over us and guide us daily. I want you to know that I miss you and love you. I just wish i could have told you Happy Birthday in person and we could have had a big piece of cake together. Happy Birthday mama. I love you and miss you!*

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Ray - November 23, 2021 at 07:55 PM

BM

“ Ray I'm sorry to hear about Mrs Betty. I remember seeing her in the lunchroom and at church for all those years, she always made me smile picking at me. I'm sorry I didn't find out sooner. She's with Ray and having a reunion and they're praising the Lord! Keep the faith brother and holla at me anytime you need.

*Brad McCook*

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**Brad McCook** - January 17, 2021 at 11:56 PM

MI

“ So saddened to see Ms. Betty passing. Always enjoyed staying at her house because we ate well and had a great time. Always fun to hear her laugh and never a dull moment around her. Prayers to Ray and his family.

*Mitzi Roberts Jackson*

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**Mitzi** - December 21, 2020 at 03:34 PM

RA

*Thank you Mitzi.  
That's so true, there was always food and good times. Seems like only a short time ago we were playing in the sandpile under the big oak tree. That was the good old days when life seemed so simple. Thank you for sharing.*

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**Ray** - December 21, 2020 at 05:46 PM

PT

“ I was sorry to hear of the passing of Ms Betty. She was always very kind and caring. She had a great love for her family. She loved the Lord and cared much for her church family. When they were able to get out, I would sometimes run into the two of them, usually at Quality Foods. They would always ask me about my Mom and share memories they had of her from younger days. I know this is a heartbreaking time for your family and I am sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.

*Paula Tolbert*

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**Paula Tolbert** - December 19, 2020 at 03:33 PM

RA

*Thank you Paula,  
She always would stop and talk to anybody she met. She truly cared for everyone and would always ask how people were doing because she felt like they were family. Thank you for your kindness and prayers. We appreciate you very much.*

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**Ray** - December 19, 2020 at 03:38 PM

CM

“ Cheryl Mealor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Darnell McDonald



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**Cheryl Mealor** - December 18, 2020 at 04:02 PM

RA

*Thank you Cheryl. It's been so many years since I have seen you. I was telling my family you were the one who gave me the Chevron Tonka trucks which I still have. You were always special to our family. Thanks again  
Ray*

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**Ray** - December 18, 2020 at 08:57 PM

LP

*I enjoyed talking with Betty when she came into the bank. She was a sweet and caring lady. My prayers are with you during this time.*

Linda Potts - December 19, 2020 at 08:06 AM

JR

“ Ray, Words don't begin to express the heartfelt sorrow that I feel for the passing of your mother. I can tell from the moments around her that she was a wonderful woman, and an even better mom. Please accept my condolences.



Jorden Rakestraw - December 18, 2020 at 01:24 PM

RA

*Thanks Jorden. Your kind words mean alot.*

Ray - December 18, 2020 at 08:58 PM

JR

“ Jorden Rakestraw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Darnell McDonald



Jorden Rakestraw - December 18, 2020 at 01:13 PM

DE

“ Devyn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Darnell McDonald



Devyn - December 18, 2020 at 08:16 AM

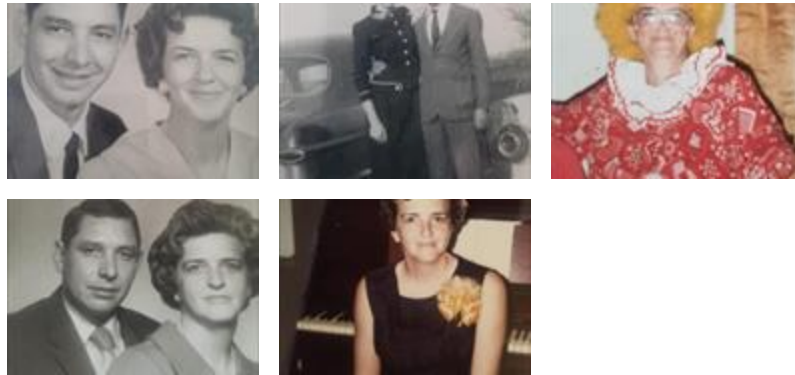
RA

*Nana was proud of you for your accomplishments just like Madison and Tyler. She was proud of the 3 grandchildren she had. She would be proud of the career path you have chosen. She loved you being around to aggravate and joke around with.*

Ray - December 18, 2020 at 09:16 PM

SM

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Shannon McDonald - December 18, 2020 at 07:28 AM

RA

*Shannon,  
Thank you for posting a few pics from throughout the years. I could not have asked for more perfect parents who taught me right from wrong and how to treat others. I can only hope and pray that I will be half the person that they both were as they were loved and respected by everyone they came in contact with. I was truly blessed then and now with YOU and our family. I love you!*

Ray - December 20, 2020 at 07:01 PM

BD

“ *Billy Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Darnell McDonald*



**Billy Davis** - December 18, 2020 at 07:04 AM

RA

*Thanks so much Mr. Davis. God Bless You!*

**Ray** - December 18, 2020 at 09:17 PM

BE

“ *Sincere Prayers and Condolences to Ray, Shannon and your children. I know your special bond with Mrs. Betty, and your wonderful memories will sustain and comfort you in the coming days! Thinking of you all.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Brenda Townsend Elrod*

**Brenda T. Elrod** - December 18, 2020 at 02:42 AM

RA

*Thank you Brenda. There were many stories and memories that were told when you grew up near each other. You and Jimmy have always been special. Life goes by way too fast the older we get. Thank you for your kind words and friendship.*  
*Ray*

**Ray** - December 18, 2020 at 09:02 PM

PC

“ *Ray so sorry for the loss of your Mama. We have lost quite a lady. We will always remember her fun loving nature and her willingness to always help anyone. Love and prayers for you and your family.*

**Phyllis, Darce & Dusty Chandler** - December 17, 2020 at 11:02 PM

RA

*Thank you all. I was talking to Shannon after we read your kind words . She said where have I heard that name before and I told her about you, Darce, Dusty, Todd and Rodney.... she said what a small world it is. Our son thought alot of Renee and we value each one of your friendships.*

*Take care*

*Ray*

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**Ray** - December 18, 2020 at 09:05 PM

RA

*“ Mama, you fought a hard fight for 8 years and never gave up. You fought until the very end and we are so proud of you. Myself, Shannon and the kids fulfilled your wishes as you wanted us to do. A good friend told me something tonight, " I am not a doctor, I am not a nurse, but we took care of you with all of our LOVE. I want you to know how proud I am to call you my mama. I know you are with Daddy, Maw Maw, Paw Paw, Uncle Bud and Aunt Frances watching over us. I will see you all again one day. Rest Easy Mama. Me and Shannon got this from here. All my love to you always. I love you Mama.*

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**Ray** - December 17, 2020 at 10:35 PM

JW

*Ray,*

*So sorry of your great loss. Your mother was a special lady and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.*

*Judy Jackson Wilson*

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**Judy Jackson Wilson** - December 19, 2020 at 05:34 PM

RA

*Judy, Thank you for your kind words. Sue was indeed a special person.*

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**Ray** - December 20, 2020 at 11:48 AM

NF

“ Finally reunited with her Robert! Miss Betty was such a strong wonderful, kind hearted woman and friend. I have missed sitting beside her in church for years now and her low whispers in my ear of how glad she was to see me. She was always cooking and calling and truly loving on her community. Strength, resilience, noble character and truly a seeker and follower of Christ her faith and independence was inspirational and will always be as long as my memory lingers. Much love to Ray and her family in this time of grief. May you feel the love of God so strongly in the upcoming weeks and months of deep loss.

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**Nicole Fitzpatrick** - December 17, 2020 at 10:24 PM

RA

Thank you Nicole for those kind words and thoughts. Mama has always thought the world of you, Martha and Charlie. She always tried to lead by example and she has taught me the same values. Hopefully , I can be a shadow of her in my life as well. She would always laugh when she heard Charlie's dogs running over a half a mile away, she would say "that Charlies at it again." Our family has always cherished your family's friendship.

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**Ray** - December 18, 2020 at 09:10 PM

MM

“ Madison McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Darnell McDonald



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**Madison McDonald** - December 17, 2020 at 09:17 PM

RA

*Nana would be so proud of all of your accomplishments and the young lady you have developed into. She loved you so much and you were a shining star in her eyes. She loved to have you in the kitchen making a mess together with everything you two cooked together. You made her proud! She loved you so much!*

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**Ray** - December 18, 2020 at 09:13 PM

BV

*Ray, Sorry to hear about your mom. We thought the world of her.*

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**Bill Vandiver** - December 19, 2020 at 07:19 PM