



## Michael Lynn McDonald

March 6, 1956 - July 12, 2023

Michael Lynn McDonald passed on July 12, 2023, to be with the Lord, his parents, older brother, and nephew. He joins patriarch and Veteran Thomas McDonald, Jr., matriarch Shirley L. McDonald, oldest brother and Veteran Kenneth McDonald, nephew Kendall Ellis McDonald, and our many ancestors. Michael was born on March 6, 1956 in La Chapelle-St. Mesmin Orleans, France. He was an army brat due to our father serving in the U.S. Army and traveling the world. In El Paso, Texas, Michael went to Logan Elementary School, Ross Intermediate School, Burgess High School, Parkland High School, and graduated from Andress High School. He was a fun-loving, enterprising, and engaging youth. He worked at the Fort Bliss Commissary. After high school, while in his early twenties, he was married briefly to a nice young lady. They divorced after a year. He then began his military career in the U.S. Army and enlisted in 1978, and reenlisted in 1981, for a brief stint.

Michael is lovingly remembered as a big brother who was fiercely protective of his family and his friends. Michael was very popular growing up, had several friends, and a quiet leader. He was handsome, clean-cut, and a ladies' man, very charming, dressed well, smelled good, and always had impeccable manners. He loved to ensure that his pants were creased to perfection. Girls wanted to date him, and guys wanted to be like him. Michael was naturally gifted at playing the clarinet, and should have been first chair clarinet. However, instead he chose to sit with the third part clarinets because of the

ladies. Again, he was very protective of his family and friends. No one ever dared cross him or mess with him. Michael had an unspoken presence of letting people know not to bother him, or anyone he cared about. He was a survivor.

Michael was a quiet man who loved the simple pleasures in life. He was free-hearted. He stayed to himself. He loved movies, sandwiches, Lays potato chips, Danish pastries, and candy. Overall, Michael was a kind and gentle soul who will be dearly missed by all. Michael.... Always in our hearts.

A Memorial Service and Celebration of life was held on August 24, 2023 at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City located at 1900 Veterans Memorial Drive, Boulder City, Nevada 89005. Reverend Carlton Fogg, Jr., Officiated. The McDonald Family thanks you for your prayers and well wishes. In lieu of flowers, please donate or volunteer at the Nevada State Veterans Home, 1900 Veterans Memorial Drive, Boulder City, NV 89005 (702) 332-6784

### I Can Only Imagine

I can only imagine what it will be like  
When I walk by your side  
I can only imagine what my eyes will see  
When your face is before me  
I can only imagine  
Yeah  
Surrounded by your glory  
What will my heart feel?  
Will I dance for you, Jesus,  
Or in awe of you be still?  
Will I stand in your presence?  
Or to my knees will I fall?  
Will I sing hallelujah?  
Will I be able to speak at all?  
I can only imagine  
I can only imagine  
I can only imagine when that day comes  
And I find myself standing in the sun  
I can only imagine when all I will do  
Forever, forever worship you  
I can only imagine, yeah  
I can only imagine-  
Author unknown

**SURVIVING FAMILY** Anthony Keith McDonald (brother) & Deborah McDonald (sister-in-law), Cheryl Ann Tomczuk (sister), Steven Dale McDonald (brother) & Stephanie McDonald (sister-in-law), Kimberly Joi McDonald (sister), Sylvia Fuller (sister-in-law), Jerold Darnell McDonald (nephew), Adam

BoggsMcDonald (nephew), Rachel Olivia McDonald (niece),and Amelia  
Abeyta McDonald (grandniece)