



Coach Walter D. "Dickie" McDonald

May 27, 1943 - March 27, 2018

Coach Walter D. "Dickie" McDonald, was born May 27, 1943 in Henderson, KY. He passed away at the age of 74, at 6:37 PM, Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at his home under the care of St. Anthony's Hospice.

Dickie graduated from Western Kentucky University with a Bachelor of Science in Education and later earned his Master's Degree Rank 1 from Murray State University. He was a beloved teacher and football coach locally and in many surrounding counties. Dickie coached high school football at Henderson County, Crittenden County, Union County, Apollo, and McLean County, before finally retiring from Oldham County as head coach. In addition to being a Kentucky Colonel, Dickie was a proud member of the National Education Association, the Kentucky Education Association, and was a life time member of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. The life he lived was proof of how much Dickie loved coaching and being a mentor to many young athletes on and off the field. Dickie was more than a coach; he was a husband, father, grandfather, and brother, and those relationships meant everything to him.

Dickie was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Naomi McDonald, one brother, Claudie McDonald.

Survivors include:

Wife of 29 years: Jane McDonald

3 Daughters: Jodi Rafferty of Owensboro, KY

Krista McDonald of Henderson, KY

Done' McAlvain of Henderson, KY

2 Brothers: Thomas McDonald and Randy McDonald both of Henderson, KY

3 Grandchildren: Madeline Rafferty, Maxwell Rafferty, William G. McAlvain

Relatives and friends are invited to Dickie's Life Celebration from 4:00-8:00 PM on Thursday and again on Friday from 9:00 AM until the service time at Benton-Glunt Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 30, 2018 at the funeral home with Reverend Jeff Ferguson officiating. Entombment will follow in Roselawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to St. Anthony's Hospice, 2410 S. Green St. Henderson, KY 42420.

Arrangements entrusted to Benton-Glunt Funeral Home, A Life Celebration® Home, online condolences may be made at www.bentonglunt.com

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

8136 Highway 2084 S
Henderson, KY 42420
(270) 826-9623
roselawn@ccol.net
<http://www.bentonglunt.com/>

Previous Events

Life Celebration

MAR **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt Funeral Home
629 S. Green Street
Henderson, KY 42420

Life Celebration

MAR **30**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home
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Henderson, KY 42420
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2:00 P.M. Tuesday May 8, 2018 Funeral Service

MAR 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Coach Walter D. "Dickie" McDonald*

November 29, 2022 at 08:01 AM



“ *Just heard that Coach McDonald had passed!
My husband and I were head football parents while he was at
Oldham County!
Each Fall we remember our years of working with our sons football
teams!!!
Prayers to all of his family!*

Lucy Ricketts - September 08, 2018 at 07:11 PM



“ *A great coach and teacher...🙏*

Mary Sue Moman - April 01, 2018 at 08:53 PM



“ *Krista, so sorry to hear about your dad. Praying for you and your
family*

Amanda Clark Jennings

Amanda Clark Jennings - March 29, 2018 at 12:10 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Coach Walter D. "Dickie" McDonald.*



March 29, 2018 at 12:02 PM



“ *I taught with Dickie at Apollo. Great man and father to the girls. He was always so kind to me. Jodi and Krista...thoughts and prayers sent your way.*
Laura Daum Conkright

Laura Conkright - March 29, 2018 at 10:47 AM



“ *I thought a lot of Dickie. I even bought my first car from Dickie. And I can't watch football on Thanksgiving without thinking about him doing that so well. :)*
My love, sympathy, & prayers go out to his precious family, my cousins, and all who knew him. ♡ Regina O'Nan

Regina O'Nan - March 28, 2018 at 11:12 PM



“ *The McDonald's and the Freels were so much the same I spent most of my life thinking we were relatives, and I relish that thought.*

Mike Freels - March 28, 2018 at 08:03 PM

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“ *Coach McDonald was my football coach at Union County.....Great man, great teacher, and a great football coach.....*



allen stone - March 28, 2018 at 05:33 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Coach Walter D. "Dickie" McDonald.*



March 28, 2018 at 04:44 PM

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“ *Joanne Kendall lit a candle in memory of Coach Walter D. "Dickie" McDonald*



Joanne Kendall - March 28, 2018 at 03:55 PM