



## Sean A McDonald

May 13, 1975 - January 19, 2020

Our family has always been big and loud and full of fun. Sadly, our gatherings will now be less bright and less fun because of the passing of the family jester and consummate entertainer: Sean McDonald. He always brought the fun!

Sean Allred McDonald was born May 13, 1975 and died in his sleep due to cardiovascular disease on Sunday, January 19, 2020. He packed a lot into those 44 years. He grew up in Sandy and attended Jordan District schools but ditched class every chance he got. He earned a living as a tradesman doing radiant heat with Thornton Plumbing and I Know A Guy plumbing. Both businesses are run by his family or friends that he loved like family. Sean loved outdoor activities, camping, family gatherings and a strong stout beer. 13 was his lucky number and there were epic parties thrown to celebrate Halloween, his favorite holiday. He was super funny and loved to make you laugh. We repeat: He always brought the fun!

Yet the most important thing in his life was his daughter, Lily Mae McDonald! She was a miracle baby who was born to him and Kim as he turned 38. He adored Lily beyond words. Even as they divorced, Kim and Sean always made decisions based on Lily's well-being and happiness. The time he spent with Lily was the most cherished of his short life. He was predeceased by both of his fathers, Howard McDonald and Darrell Barney. He leaves behind a heart-broken family that includes: His mother, Marilyn, his daughter Lily (age 6), and his former wife, Kim McDonald. The McDonald siblings will miss him terribly: Susan (Eric) Soleil; Sharon (Ken) Jensen; Stephanie Ripley; Stanford (Monica) McDonald; Sondra Hopkins (deceased); Michael Hopkins and Susan Hopkins (both borrowed siblings); Spence (Michelle) McDonald; Scott (Lisa) McDonald, and all of his nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews will miss him as well.

The Barney siblings will also miss Sean: Mindy (Brad) McDonald; Julie (Dave) Childers; Lynne (Norm) Powell; Ken (Ellen) Barney; Patrick Barney and all of their kids and grandkids.

We will be honoring Sean at a service on Saturday, January 25, at 1:00 pm at Premier Funeral, 67 East 8000 South, Midvale, UT 84047. Please wear either his favorite color Green or other happy colors.

There will also be a life celebration with food and drink Saturday evening, from 5:00-8:00 at The Gathering Place at Gardner Village, 1100 West 7800 South, #24, West Jordan. Halloween costumes are strongly encouraged but not mandatory at the Life Celebration. Yes, really, Halloween costumes. Sean would want one more epic party. Please bring your fun side.

In lieu of flowers, a fund has been set up American First Credit Union in the name of Lily Mae McDonald to help toward her education. Please use her full name. And her mother's name is Kim if asked. Thank you!

# Events

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**JAN**   **Memorial Service**   01:00PM - 03:00PM

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Premier Funeral Services (Salt Lake City)

67 east 8000 south, Salt Lake City, UT, US, 84047

# Comments

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“ You saved me from my darkness. We were so bright when we combined our energies. I miss you so much Sean.



Xoxo - January 29 at 03:14 PM

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“ Every other weekend we got to share Sean's fun. His light is so missed. We love you Sean.

Melissa - January 25 at 05:04 PM

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“ Without Sean around here I guess we will have to watch tv



Dustin Davis - January 25 at 12:00 PM

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“ I will miss Sean! I was his family doctor and delivered his precious Lily. I remember Sean dressed up in his white "marshmallow" suit and he asked if he could bring it home. He was such a goof and a totally dedicated father. His love for Lily and Kim was touching. He always brought a smile to my face and I cared about him very much. My condolences and prayers to the McDonald family!

Heather Jackson MD

Heather Jackson - January 24 at 11:49 PM

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“ Sean was like one of my sons, Sean and Sean Adam were best friends, they lived together either at one or the others homes. I used to tease Sean about his hair it was long and beautiful, I would cut it all the time. He know I won't cut any more than he wanted off. We talked and laughed he always had something funny to say. I love you Sean.

Belinda Adam Laub - January 24 at 05:33 PM

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“ Always loved working with Sean. From his practical jokes, his impersonations of other co-workers, him bringing his dog Kizma to the job site who never tired of playing fetch with pieces of pex tubing, and his signature “artwork” that were conspicuously placed only to be found years after he was there. You always knew when Sean had worked on a job.  
It was an honor to know Sean and to spend time with him at work, at the lake, and at his famous Halloween parties. He will be greatly missed, and I know he is in a better place.  
Take care my friend.



Matt Cox - January 24 at 01:08 PM

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ellen barney - January 24 at 11:44 AM

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“ Ellen Barney lit a candle in memory of Sean A McDonald



ellen barney - January 24 at 11:40 AM

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“ Steve Bell lit a candle in memory of Sean A McDonald



Steve Bell - January 24 at 06:28 AM

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“ To my McDonald family! I know there is nothing that can be said at this time that could even remotely take away the pain you're feeling. But personally, I couldn't be luckier than I am to have you as my family, and to have been touched by Uncle Sean's free and loving spirit. I think when we all think of Sean, we think of his hugs, and how they were a silent way of him saying "you matter to me". There's nothing in this world quite like an Uncle Sean hug... To say he'll be dearly missed is an understatement

Ciara Geiger - January 23 at 10:40 PM

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“ Bobbie Phillips lit a candle in memory of Sean A McDonald



Bobbie Phillips - January 23 at 07:47 PM



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Susan Soleil - January 23 at 05:55 PM

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