



Lee N. McDonald

July 11, 1959 - April 5, 2025

Nathaniel "Nat" Lee Nathan McDonald, 65, of Newnan, GA, formerly of Mobile, AL, passed away on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Piedmont Newnan Hospital. He was born July 11, 1959, in Mobile, AL to Ms. Judy E. McDonald and Mr. Jessie Lee Hughes (deceased).

Nat grew up in Mobile, graduating A.F. Owens Elementary School, Dunbar Middle School, and Murphy High School. He was a consummate professional and highly disciplined master practitioner of varied Martial Arts. He taught uncounted students in the annex of a local community church and Bishop State College. He also managed the celebrated dance group, "Pop Explosion!" He left a profoundly positive and indelible impression on the masses who were fortunate to fellowship with him.

His life was shaped by rigor and rhythm-by a restless mind as much as a disciplined body. He was an avid reader whose appetite for knowledge was bottomless. From psychology to physics, from Black history to metaphysics, Nat devoured ideas, theories, and questions, always hungry for a deeper understanding of the world around him. His bookshelves were lined with deep thought and a chronology of some of the most brilliant minds-many of whom he considered peers.

Alongside these volumes, he curated an expansive collection of comic books

and action figures-not out of nostalgia, but reverence. In them, he saw the myths we live by: justice, transformation, redemption, survival. For Nat, the superhero was more than a metaphor-it was a possibility.

He lived by example. His influence was built not through performance, but through presence. He taught by showing up, by practicing what he preached, by folding laughter into learning and play into pedagogy. His wisdom came not only through study and movement but through spirited debate and disarming humor. He believed knowledge was sacred, and to share it was an act of love.

That love found its most powerful expression in his family. He was a man deeply devoted to his children and grandchildren-each of whom he poured into with intention and care. To them, he offered his stories, his hard-won truths, and the rich teachings that had guided his miraculous and multi-dimensional life. Sharing what he knew was never about ego; it was about giving them a compass. It was, in the truest sense, his love language.

The Memorial Service for Mr. McDonald is Sunday, April 13, 2025, at 12pm at Johnson Lowe Gallery, 764 Miami Circle NE #210, Atlanta, GA 30324.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com.

Survivors include his wife, Tamila K. McDonald of Newnan, GA; eldest daughter Tekisha L. Presley of Mobile, AL; daughters Breana McDonald, Nathalie McDonald, and Morgan McDonald of Lithonia, GA; children Amber William of Newnan, GA; Shatel Huntley of Carrollton, GA; and Donovan Johnson of Atlanta, GA; grandchildren Demetrius Prince and Dieonta Prince; Ivy Chapman, Verse Wilson, Collin Williams, and Zada Williams.

He is also survived by his mother, Ms. Judy E. McDonald Justice of Warner Robins, GA; brother, Mr. Orlando W. Justice of Kathleen, GA; sisters, Pamela

R. Justice-York of Sandy Springs, GA, and Latrice Perez of Newnan, GA.

McKoon Funeral & Crematory (770) 253-4580.

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
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Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 13. 12:00 PM.

Johnson Lowe Gallery

Tribute Wall



“Dad it still doesn't feel real...some days I'm sad, some days I'm angry, I wish it would all just go away...I wish we had more time but I'm thankful for the time we had. Thankful for all the lessons, the memories; the talks, working out as a kid, the jokes, watching movies, music videos, studying together, martial arts, reading...I'm just like you & I've never been more proud of that than I am today... you were my favorite guy, bigger than life personality, big heart & always encouraged people to be themselves & not care what anyone else thinks. Dad I love you so much. Until we meet again... I'm so sorry this happened to you. I'll look after mom & my sisters. You prepared me for this. Rest Easy Dad...I hope this gets easier. I know it'll never be the same.



Lithonia Troy - April 27, 2025 at 11:07 AM

SC

“Harry nutmeg here hello I grew up a foster kid in orphanage since I was four years old and I was 15 i was in two orphanages . and 19 foster homes. I met my dad a total five.times when I see post like this I cried tears of joy of people like you to get to experience your father since a baby he is your guardian angel always watching you from the other side with your grandparents and all your loved ones. that is our secret from Africa the Caucasians told you to forget you're never alone. They never die it just transition from this world to the next waiting on you. When it is your time no rush 🤍🙏🏻👤😊
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steve c - April 25, 2025 at 02:04 PM

LE

“ Sadly I didn't have the opportunity to meet my friends father. But she told me many great things about you... no one ever prepares you for the loss of your dad(trust me I know).

Troy your village will help you during this time lean in on us so we can support you. I hope your dad visits you in your dreams while he is gone in the flesh, he is still here with you in spirit and you will hear him in time. Sending you tons of love as your process this loss, may the memories hug you tightly during challenging moments.... Love you beyond the moon

May all that have been impacted by this unexpected loss accept all the love and light your heart can provide and your heal....

Love

Reese, Lesley , kree, Milo.

lesley - April 23, 2025 at 08:30 PM

TI

“ To my Favorite Uncle I love you and I'm going to miss you along with those random text from you. The Birthday calls or text every year. The love you gave me your favorite niece. I am so grateful to have had you as my uncle, you were definitely the best uncle a girl could have ever asked for. Love you forever and always Uncle Nat your Favorite niece Tee



Tineria Ivory - April 23, 2025 at 08:12 PM

LM

“Gone too soon Mr. Mac !!!! I remember when we use to be outside the front of your house hooping and cutting up You were our neighborhood Dad ❤️❤️❤️ Always making sure we were good .

Until we meet again Mr. Mac
Love ❤️ Lauren McIntosh

Lauren McIntosh - April 23, 2025 at 07:43 PM

JM

As kids we live together as a big family, instead of my cousin, he was a big brother to us, kept us watching over us and making sure he kept us safe, when we got older we moved to Nashville and we hated that move, but we would go back every year to visit and he made sure he and Orlando made sure family came first, and made the most of our visits the memories and moments we shared as a family, even as we became grown with responsibility we kept in touch and he never let us forget we are family, love you brother no matter where you are you will always be in our hearts.

Jessie Mcdonald - April 24, 2025 at 06:29 PM

B.

“A man who had the biggest heart and loved hard. You will never be forgotten as our hearts will always have a place for you.
B.McDonald



B.McDonald - April 21, 2025 at 07:05 PM