



Joseph Bernard MacDonald Sr.

October 3, 1924 - March 17, 2025

Joseph Bernard MacDonald, Sr., passed away on March 17, 2025, in St Augustine, FL.

He was born on October 3, 1924, in Ogdensburg, New York, the son of Alden Joseph MacDonald and Irene Agnes Molloy MacDonald. He was predeceased by his daughter Suzanne Gonzales, Joliet, IL; son Thomas Girard MacDonald, El Centro, CA; and granddaughter Sarah Barkley, Joliet, IL; brothers Edward MacDonald and Andrew MacDonald, Ogdensburg, NY. Joe is survived by his beloved wife of 77 years, Beverly Girard MacDonald, whom he wed on November 20, 1947, at Notre Dame Catholic Church, Ogdensburg, NY.

Their life together would take them around the US and other corners of the globe between his career and their retirement. He was the father of Renee Ravlin (Lester) St Albans, VT; Andrea MacDonald, St Augustine, FL; and Joseph MacDonald Jr (Cynthia) Savannah, GA. He was the grandfather of Bryan Ravlin (Heather); Brad Ravlin, Ashley Blaine (Kirk); Danielle MacDonald (Jake); Geoff Price (Taryn), and Shannon MacDonald (Clay). He was the Great-grandfather of Ethan and Colin Ravlin; Emily and Leah Price; and William and Lillian Blaine.

He served in the US Navy during World War II aboard the battleship USS Nevada seeing action at the Invasion of Normandy, Cherbourg, the Invasion

of Southern France, Jaluit, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa as a Boatswain Mate Third Class. He was a graduate of St Mary's Academy, Ogdensburg, NY, the NY State Police Academy, and the US Border Patrol Academy. He attended Paul Smith's College and the FBI Academy. He retired as Assistant Deputy Commissioner, of the US Border Patrol, in 1979. After retirement, he worked as an investigator for the US Government before fully retiring in the late 1980s.

Joe was a lifelong, enthusiastic traveler, golf (with multiple aces), fisherman, waterman, and sports fan. His curiosity, conviviality, Catholic faith, and love of cocktail hour with friends & family were hallmarks of his entire life. He loved the St. Lawrence River that he grew up next to, worked on as a young man, and would visit throughout his life. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Navy League, and the Elks Club.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St Anastasia Catholic Church on April 2nd at 11 am. The interment take place at St Mary's Cemetery, Ogdensburg, NY at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his name, to the Bailey Center Hospice: (<https://www.communityhospice.com/>) would be appreciated. Those desiring may leave messages of sympathy and encouragement by going to his tribute page at <https://www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/joseph-macdonald-6/#!/TributeWall>.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home of St. Augustine is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

APR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anastasia Catholic Church
5205 A1A South
St. Augustine, FL 32080

Tribute Wall

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Wayne Osterling - April 03, 2025 at 08:33 AM

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MC

“ Joe blessed all of us at Allegro with his smile and kindness. I believe that Joe would greet each day with joy because he had so much of it to give to others.

Margaret Cox - March 26, 2025 at 11:47 AM

JB

“ Joe was an amazing man and it was an honor to know him. Golf with Joe was always a joyful experience. Whenever Joe was in your group you knew you were going to have a good day no matter how bad you played.

Jerry F. Bomber - March 26, 2025 at 10:32 AM

CM

“ *Cherished memories of Christmas gathered together for fun and laughter. Rushing home for oyster stew after mass on Christmas Eve. We always had so much fun I never wanted it to end. I love my father in-law and will miss him dearly.*



Cynthia MacDonald - March 25, 2025 at 09:36 AM