

In Memory Of

Jimmy W. McDonald

February 7, 1942 - October 25, 2020



Jimmy Willard McDonald, 78, of San Marcos, Texas, passed away on Sunday, October 25, 2020, surrounded by his loving family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents Alex McDonald and Laverne Barber, and his brother John McDonald.

He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Vivian Orndorff. He is also survived by his sons Jimmy McDonald, Jr. and wife Roni, Ron McDonald and wife Claire, Don McDonald and wife Staci, daughter Jennifer Hammersley and husband Eric, stepson Brian Baker and wife Ginny; brothers Jerry McDonald and Larry McDonald and wife Lou; grandchildren Krystin Ashley, Matthew Lynn, Mitchell Ryan, Harrison Carl, Grace Kathryn, Madison, Chase Jacob, Alexa Grace, Amelia Jane, Miles Ethan, and

Kenna Elizabeth; great grandchildren Caden, Joey, Jackson and Heidi; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and dear friends.

Jimmy was born on February 7, 1942 in Waco, Texas. He graduated from Waco High School in 1960 and attended Baylor University. He worked for Stage Stores, Inc. as a retail manager for more than 30 years and retired in 1996. Jimmy moved to Wimberley in 1997 and enjoyed golf, reading, and drinking wine! He and his wife, Vivian, traveled and explored Italy, Croatia, the Greek Isles, and numerous island destinations. In 2002, he planned, designed, and built his amazingly beautiful dream home, Bella Vista. He loved landscaping and improving the 65-acre property during the 16 years that he lived there.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at michaeljfox.org/donate.

Memorial Contributions

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The Michael J. Fox Foundation is dedicated to finding a cure for Parkinson's disease through an aggressively funded research agenda and to ensuring the development of improved therapies for those living with Parkinson's today.

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Jim and Vivian's home was on the Tour of Homes in Wimberley back in 2012. The link below will allow you to wander virtually through Jim's beloved Bella Vista. There are 39 pictures. At the end of this, I have made a copy of three to view.

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**2012 Tour of Homes- Jim and Vivian McDonald 705 Saddleridge Dr.
Wimberley, Tx**



Jim and Vivian McDonald have good reason to call their home [Bella Vista](#). The entire estate boasts beautiful views, inside and out wherever you look. It is a home to treasure, solid, timeless, furnished with restrained elegance.

Walking through the front door into the grandeur of soaring arches your first thought is to head for the elegantly furnished great room, sit in one of the many luxurious chairs and stay, perhaps forever. But after admiring the enormous antique chandelier fit for a castle, sumptuous fabrics, the intricate jewel-like stitchery of needlepoint pillows (handmade by Vivian), the massive stone fireplace, and the spectacular furnishings, you won't be able to help yourself...you will want to see more.

Across the hall is an impressive dining room graced by a huge crystal chandelier. A large gourmet kitchen filled with the gleam of polished copper, warm woods and richly colored granite is around the corner from the great room, and once you see the guest suites you will soon be plotting a way to wrangle an invitation for an overnight stay.

The east wing is a private getaway for the owners, with the exception of the guest powder room which is whimsically adorned with playful monkeys in many forms. The TV room adjacent to the master bedroom is warmly furnished, filled with light and enhanced with unique accessories from the orient. The master suite is every couple's dream...elegant, spacious, stylish, sophisticated, yet comfortable, with a welcoming fireplace tucked in one corner.

While touring this home, you will be so busy looking up and around that you may forget to look down. Don't. The muted tones of understated oriental rugs in every room, and stone floors with intricate patterns in the hallway are not to be missed. Then you walk outside through any one of a myriad set of French doors and it takes your breath away! To call this glorious view of the Blanco River Valley expansive is an understatement. And the view can be enjoyed from an upper terrace adjacent to numerous living areas, or from the lower terrace where a very large salt water pool entices both the young and young at heart. On the lower terrace you also have the choice of lounging by the pool in a comfortable chaise, soaking in the hot tub, or sitting in front of the large outdoor fireplace. And beyond there is the guest house and lushly landscaped grounds, beautiful views wherever you look.

