



Jonathan Palmer McDonald

April 1, 1976 - February 18, 2024

Jonathan Palmer McDonald, born on April 1, 1976 to Cindy (Palmer) Clemmons and Donald L. McDonald in Austin, Texas, passed peacefully from this life on February 18, 2024. Known as “Mac” by many of his friends, Jonathan was a veteran of the U.S. Army Special Forces (Green Beret, 18 Delta medic).

Left to cherish his memory are Jonathan’s wife, Eileen, and their family, Brenna Price, Hayden McDonald and Austin McDonald; his parents Cindy and Josh Clemmons; his brother Bryan McDonald, wife Mayo, and their family, Hailey, Katie, and Madison; step-brother Crockett Clemmons; step-sister Shawn Fafatas and her daughter, Ashley Blair; Jennifer McDonald, mother of Hayden and Austin; and father-in-law Linden H. Price, as well as extended family and many, many dear friends.

Over the course of his service in the U. S. Army, Jonathan was deployed in Afghanistan, Peru, Iraq, and Bosnia and completed the Land Navigation course, the Combat Trackig course, SERE, advanced Scout Sniper training, and instructed the Basic Field Firearms Officer course. Jonathan was a recipient of the Bronze Star medal, the Army Commendation medal, the Army Achievement medal, and the National Defense Service medal, as well as several campaign medals.

Later in his life, as a civilian defense contractor, Jonathan trained and directed the Designated Defensive Marksman assigned to protect the U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan, and trained emergency response personnel in tactical combat casualty care. More recently, Jonathan worked for a company that provides fishing and hunting destinations and long-range marksmanship instruction.

Jonathan lived a very full life that was unexpectedly cut short. His family and friends will greatly miss his stories, his fabulous cooking, and his dynamic sense of humor. Jonathan's love for his boys, Hayden and Austin, was his primary motivation in life, and that love will be carried forward after his death in the thoughtful, resilient, and caring young men they have become.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Jon's memory to one of the many charities that provides support to former members of the U.S. military.

A Funeral Mass for Jonathan will be celebrated on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., at St. Theresa Catholic Church, 6622 Haskell St, in Houston, Texas, followed by a reception with his family and friends in the adjacent hall.

To view the funeral Mass for Jon McDonald, please open the following link:

<https://sttheresa.cc/online-mass>

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“ Mac was our hero on the night shift when he worked in the ER
I always felt safer when he was there.
He was a wonderful man and really cared about people and doing
the right thing.
I will never forget his stories and the character that he was.

Charlotte Leblanc - March 02, 2024 at 02:21 PM

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“ I moved to Texas in 2010. He was a co worker who quickly became
a friend. He was an amazing dad, friend, and human being. We had
conversations that lasted hours and brought tears of laughter and
occasional sadness. He came from an intense military background.
I came from trauma ER and he had to walk me through a few cases
which bonded us and vice versa. I will miss and love him forever.
My thoughts and prayers go to his boys, his wife, and his remaining
family and friends. His loss is a hard one to fathom.

jennifer drumwright - February 25, 2024 at 10:47 PM