



## Thomas Watson McDonald, Jr.

May 20, 1927 - October 14, 2008

McDonald - Thomas Watson (Watt) Jr., died Tuesday, October 14, 2008, at Athens Regional Medical Center. A native of Monroe, he was born May 20, 1927 to Thomas Watson McDonald, Sr. and Irene Fambrough McDonald. A 1944 graduate of Monroe High School, Mr. McDonald received a degree from Emory at Oxford in 1948 and a BBA from University of Georgia in 1950. He was a seaman 1st Class in the Navy during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jean McDowell McDonald, three children: Dr. Thomas R. McDonald (Alice) of Athens, Pamela McDonald Blanford (Tommy) of Monroe, Jennifer McDonald Kilcrease (Bob) of Watkinsville, five grandchildren: Meredith Anne McDonald and Claire Maree McDonald of Athens, Robert Dawson Kilcrease, IV of Watkinsville, Holly Leigh Blanford and George Thomas Blanford V(Bo) of Monroe, and sister Eleanor McDonald Still (Edwin) of Edmond Oklahoma. He is preceded in death by his brother William Daniel McDonald (Bette).

An avid fisherman, he was known for his love of the outdoors. Mr. McDonald was an Eagle Scout and scouting leader for 14 years, influencing many young men through the Boy Scouts of America to become fine community leaders and citizens.

Mr. McDonald served as the President of the Monroe Rotary Club and Secretary form many years. He was a founding Trustee of George Walton Academy in Monroe. He owned and operated Cherokee Rose Candy Company, a family business, for 39 years. During that time he served as

Board Member of the National Candy Wholesalers Association for 13 years. In retirement, he mentored in the Monroe Elementary School's Reading and Literacy Program.

Mr. McDonald faithfully attended First Baptist Church of Monroe. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Monroe First Baptist Church to provide for the purchase of Automated External Defibrillators for the church.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00AM on Thursday, October 16, 2008, at the First Baptist Church in Monroe. Dr. Glen Money will officiate. Interment will be held at Rest Haven Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at the Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 823 E. Spring St., Monroe. 770-267-2594

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