



## Mr. Sam McDonald

September 14, 1936 - May 24, 2015

Graveside funeral services for Mr. Sam McDonald, 78 of Carthage, Texas will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 29, 2015 at the Carthage City Cemetery with Dr. Dale Reed officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be 6 – 8:00 p.m. Thursday night at the funeral home. Mr. McDonald died Sunday, May 24, 2015 at his home in Carthage.

Mr. Sammy Clyde McDonald was born September 14, 1936 in Vivian, Louisiana. He was one of three children born to the marriage of Clyde and Bessie Watkins McDonald. He was raised and schooled in Louisiana graduating from McCloud High School. Sam attended East Texas Baptist University and graduated from the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service. Sam married Sally Ann Brown November 25, 1967 and they celebrated 47 years of marriage. Sam worked as a funeral director and embalmer in Kilgore and Carthage. Sam began contracting his professional services after his retirement to an even broader area serving many funeral homes all over greater East Texas. Sam was instrumental in starting the Greater East Texas Continuing Education Program which offered continuing education to funeral directors and embalmers throughout the state. Mr. McDonald also started the Diabetic Awareness Program in Carthage, Texas due to his family's personal experience with diabetes. He received personal recognition through the state of Texas for his efforts over a 24 year period of the awareness program. Sam's dedication also led to his receiving his 50 year pin through the

Carthage Masonic Lodge #A.F. &A.M. He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant sister and sister, Neldoline Brown.

Mr. McDonald is survived by his wife, Sally McDonald of Carthage; daughters, Sue Ann McDonald of Carthage, and Barbara Ann Kast and husband Dr. David Kast of Waco; grandchildren, Michael Snider of Waco, Kimberly Foreman of Carthage, and Victoria McDonald of Carthage; great grandson, Joshua; other relatives and a host of friends.

# Cemetery Details

**Carthage City Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

**MAY 28.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home  
307 West Wellington Street  
P.O. Box 188  
Carthage, TX 75633  
(903) 693-3816  
info@hawthornfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com>

### Service

**MAY 29.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Carthage City Cemetery  
South St. Mary Street  
Carthage, TX

# Tribute Wall

PW

“ To Sally, Sue Ann, Barbara Ann, Kimberly-I am so very sorry for your loss. You are all in my prayers and thoughts. I cannot be there in person, but you are all in my heart. My deepest sympathy for your loss. Kim, I know you took good care of your paw paw.--Love Aunt Peggy

Peggy Foreman Warta - May 28, 2015 at 05:00 PM

HH

“ Dear family!! I am so sorry for your loss and am keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. I consider it an honor and privilege to have been associated with Sam on a professional level at Rader Funeral Home. More than that, I considered him a good friend. May God hold you up during this difficult time. Harold Horn

Harold Horn - May 28, 2015 at 03:31 PM

BI

“ Sally,Sam will be miss and I think everybody loved Sam.He was there to make my baby girl Cheryl look beautiful and he was there for me during the would time.I just know that he is up there in heaven with my mother and my Cheryl.My love goes out all of ya'll in the family.Love you Sam and will be with you some day.

Bill&CharlotteHeckathorn,ChrlsHillin - May 27, 2015 at 09:19 PM

CY

“ So sorry to hear this. Love ya'll and we'll see you soon. Cathy and Jeff Youngblood

Cathy Youngblood - May 24, 2015 at 05:07 PM

BG

*My deepest sympathy. I have some some fond memories when we worked together. May he rest in Gods loving grace. Brian*

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**Brian Grooms** - May 28, 2015 at 12:15 AM

CV

*Sally, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember the suppers you used to fix for me when I worked with Sam at Welch's way back in the day. I always considered him my friend. he was one of a kind. Prayers for you and your family.*

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**clyde r. valdeter** - May 28, 2015 at 06:50 AM

 Bill Harrison

*Sally. I am sorry for your loss. Sam. Silky Sullivan and I had many great evenings in the apartment above Welch Funeral Home playing spades. I remember when he started dating you he couldn't get to Marshall cast enough after his shift had ended. My you find peace in the memories of the 47 years you had together.*

*Bill Harrison*

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**Bill Harrison** - May 29, 2015 at 09:14 AM

RP

*Sally and family. Sam was a true friend of the funeral business. I was honred to have had the opportunity to know him as well as work with him on a professional level. Sam was ONE of a kind and will be missed.*

*Robert Parrymore*

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**Robert Parrymore** - June 04, 2015 at 12:13 PM