



## Opal Audell McDonald

November 9, 1926 - February 26, 2018

Opal Audell Tidmon McDonald, 91, passed away peacefully Monday, February 26, 2018 at her home in Richmond, Texas. She was born November 9, 1926 in Goose Creek Texas to the late Anna Mae Turner and William Orville Tidmon.

Opal will be forever remembered by her devoted children, Blake McDonald and Tracy McDonald Zaidenweber, her loving son in law Marco Zaidenweber and treasured grandchildren Arianna and Stefan Zaidenweber. Opal had three dear sisters, the late Dorothy Tidmon, Grace Havard and Ruth Tidmon. Nieces Karen Sue Parker and Sherrie Ann Ford held a special place in Opal's heart along with many other nieces and nephews.

Born into a family of great strength and character yet little resources, through sheer determination and a willingness to work hard, Opal singlehandedly built a successful landscaping company that allowed her to spend each day doing what she loved to do as well as achieve the goals in life that she set for herself. Opal managed to overcome any adversities that life put before her and maintained a spirit of kindness and generosity throughout. Opal's work sustained her and she had great pride in contributing to people's enjoyment and happiness in their home through her beautiful landscaping. The births of her grandchildren were the highlights of her later years. The loving and close relationships that she shared with them brought her an enormous amount of

joy. She impacted their lives in indescribable ways and the love they have for her will live on forever in them.

Opal's authenticity and quick smile along with an ability to live life by her rules was adored by all that knew her. We are left in awe at all that she was able to achieve in her lifetime. She was an amazing mother to her children, a wonderful mother in law, a successful business owner and good friend to many. While her world of gardening surrounded her with delicate flowers, Opal was far from delicate-a tenacious loyal and unwavering character, fervently loved and admired by all those who had the pleasure of knowing her. In her last weeks she could be heard frequently repeating, "I had a wonderful life." Opal was a wonderful person and will be missed by everybody that had the good fortune to share in her life.

A memorial service celebrating Opal's life will be held Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 1:30 PM at Dettling Funeral Home 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77079.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 10. 1:30 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
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Houston, TX 77079  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dettling Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Opal Audell McDonald*



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**Dettling Funeral Home** - March 08, 2018 at 04:10 PM



“ *Opal Audell McDonald*

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October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Opal Audell McDonald*

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October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Opal Audell McDonald*

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October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Opal Audell McDonald*

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October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM

BA

“ *Opal will be missed in the landscape industry. It was always a breath of fresh air to run into her at the nursery.....she was my inspiration to get up in the morning after knowing her and her work ethic. Loved the video and she was always right when she would say that she could clean up good!! She was beautiful inside and out.*

*Betty Anderson  
J & B Landscaping*

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**Betty Anderson** - March 14, 2018 at 08:22 PM

PW

“ *I so appreciated Opal's advice and skill in making my yard in Lakes of Parkway look beautiful. I enlisted her help various times after the landscaping was done when I built the house. She always remembered me and I thoroughly enjoyed working with her.*

*Fondly,  
Patty Wolfe*

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**Patty Wolfe** - March 11, 2018 at 08:44 PM

AI

“ *Anthony and Everyone at Cowboy Trucking Inc. purchased the Heaven's Comfort for the family of Opal Audell McDonald.*



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**Anthony and Everyone at Cowboy Trucking Inc.** - March 09, 2018 at 11:04 AM

MF

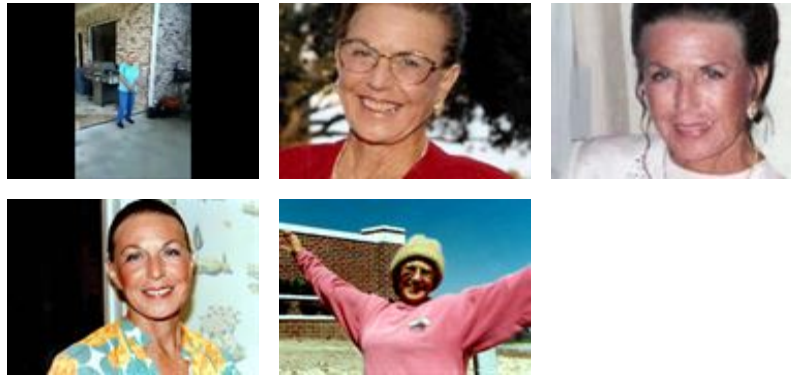
“ Monica Zaidenweber & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Opal Audell McDonald.



Monica Zaidenweber & Family - March 08, 2018 at 09:15 PM



“ 103 files added to the album LifeTributes



Dettling Funeral Home - March 08, 2018 at 02:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Opal Audell McDonald.



March 07, 2018 at 06:41 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Opal Audell McDonald.*



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March 07, 2018 at 08:55 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Opal Audell McDonald.*



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March 06, 2018 at 07:26 PM

BD

“ I will miss Opal coming into the office and telling me stories. For the last thirteen years, every time she would come in she would always tell me that I never aged and that I was a beautiful person and I would tell her the same. She would proceed to get a handful of candy to "last the day". If she couldn't make it into the office she would stay in the truck & tell Blake to grab her some candy.

Opal worked hard and never complained. She loved all of her guys that worked with her and she always made sure they had water when it was hot.

She loved my sisters and brother-in-law and always asked about them when she came in.  
I will miss her forever!.

Love you Opal and you now can Rest In Peace...No Worries!

Betty  
Kickerillo Company, Inc.

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**Betty Duoto** - March 06, 2018 at 09:44 AM

LR

“ So very sorry for your loss, Blake. What a trailblazer she was.

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**Liesa Ransleben** - March 05, 2018 at 05:14 PM

LJ

“ *Such a treasure. The landscaping queen of Texas working in a man's world and showing them how it's done. I feel blessed to have met her and inspired by what little I got to learn of her story. God rest her wonderful soul.*

*Larry Johnson.*

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**Larry Johnson** - March 05, 2018 at 11:01 AM

MR

*I always admire her determination and work ethics. She was a delightful lady to talk too. Blake, our prayers are with you.*

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**Marta Ribot** - March 05, 2018 at 06:21 PM