



## Jennifer Lynn McDonald

February 29, 1984 - May 29, 2017

Jennifer Lynn Dillon McDonald, 33, passed from this mortal existence, Monday, May 29, 2017. Her sudden and unexpected death has left us all searching for answers. Jennifer was born February 29, 1984 in Danville Virginia to Peggy Jane Dillon and William Demott. She grew up in Danville and attended Forest Hills Elementary School. She was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ when she was 13 years old and has always had a strong testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

She grew up watching her father cook in his restaurant and loved to cook up a good southern meal anytime she could. She attended George Washington High School, but transferred to Morehead High School in Eden, North Carolina where she graduated in 2002. A few weeks after graduation, she boarded a train bound for Utah on a grand adventure to be with the Mormons. When Jen arrived in Provo, Utah she got a ride to her apartment and sat down and cried, "What have I done?" and then she got up and walked to the Dollar Store and got a job on the spot. She then walked down the street to Macey's and applied for a job in the Deli and they hired her on the spot. She took the job at Macey's and she loved working there. Jennifer was going to make things happen in her life, she never stood around and waited, she went after everything she wanted, including her future spouse. Jennifer met Ryan McDonald in April of 2004, at the gas station where he was working, and they were engaged 3 days later. They were sealed for time and all eternity in the Mount Timpanogos Temple on August 5, 2004.

Her work at Macey's wasn't challenging enough, so her early career took her next to being a sales rep for Advantage Sales and Marketing, working with the Pepsico Brands.. Jen became the number one salesperson in the country and was offered a higher position in Texas, but she turned them down because she didn't want to make Ryan leave Utah, this eventually led her to being offered a supervisor job in the Oakland California area. They were always supportive of each other in their career goals and in October 2006, Ryan, Jen and Kylee moved to Sacramento where they made many lifelong friends. She would eventually quit Pepsico, and begin working with Unified Grocers. Soon she wanted to be able to work from home, and care for her growing family. Ryan Jr. (Buddy), Savannah

(Savvy) and Nash joined their family during the time they lived in California. She began working in social media, which let her to Pizza Guys and Quick Quack in Sacramento, this involved a lot of promotional events with the Sacramento Kings and she loved all of the experiences she had while they lived in California.

Following the loss of her mother-in-law in Nov 2015, their family decided to move back to Utah to be closer to family. In April 2016, Jennifer's mother also passed away and during that same time, their little family made their way back to Orem, Utah, which is where they now reside. Needing a job, she applied and was hired to be the PR manager for Quick Quack Car Wash and was very involved with the opening of new car washes here in Utah. Jen's zest for life was profound in her employment and being a mother to her children.

Jennifer was the life of the party and made everyone in the room feel included and loved. She lived life to the fullest, having no regrets and marched to the beat of her own drum. She radiated joy with a bit of southern spunk, told hilarious stories, and could make friends with everyone. She was a profound influence in her community; she was one of the brightest and most accepting, yet curious lights. She was caring and one of the most generous people you would ever know. She was one of a kind, with a heart of gold. Jennifer was a wonderful mother, planning elaborate parties for every occasion. She loved fiercely and we have no idea how we are going to go on without her crazy, southern self in our lives.

She is survived by her husband, Ryan; children Kylee, Ryan Jr. (Buddy), Savannah (Savvy), and Nash. She is also survived by her siblings; Billy (Ellen) Demott, Ray (Paula) Demott, John Demott, Kitty (Rodger) Minter, Randy Demott, Lucille (Bob) Clarke, Barbara (Johnnie) Brown, Geraldine Dillon, Matthew Dillon, Steven (Lisa) Dillon, Shirley Roberts, Mary (Daryl) Groce. She also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, brother and sister-in-laws, and friends. She was preceded in death by her father William Demott, her mother Peggy Dillon, and her sister Hazel Grogan.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, June 3rd, at 11:00 am, at the Park 6th Ward, 195 West 300 South, Orem, Utah, where a Viewing will be held prior to services from 9:00 to 10:30 am. Interment in Mapleton Cemetery, 620 West Maple Street, Mapleton, Utah.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Cemetery

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## Mapleton Cemetery

620 West Maple Street

Mapleton, UT, 84664

# Events

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**JUN 3** **Viewing** 09:00AM - 10:30AM

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Park 6th Ward

195 West 300 South, Orem, UT, US

**JUN 3** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Park 6th Ward

195 West 300 South, Orem, UT, US

# Comments

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“ Back in 2010 I lost someone close to me. I received this personal message on Facebook from Jen - "I see your post- who passed? Regardless of who, saying goodbye is always very difficult because it seems so permanent to us. You will never see them again while you are alive and it's hard for our brain to really process. When death happens, it makes me thankful for the gospel and the plan of salvation. I know it is true and I am thankful to know that this is not the beginning and this is not the end. And yes, it will be repeat over and over in your head trying to tell you- it is OK. When my dad died a while back, the church really helped me process. I set a goal to honor my dad when he died and I did that goal. Maybe set yourself an uplifting goal to honor and remember the person. Love ya girl " Her words have never been more important than they are right now. Though our hearts are breaking, this is a beautiful reminder that Jen has always known what is waiting for us beyond this life and she lived her life in a way to bring peace to this situation - knowing she is happy and surrounded by loved ones and waiting for all of us to join the party.

Rachel Hawks - June 06, 2017 at 11:29 AM

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“ Jennifer was one of the brightest lights in the Universe. She loved her family and friends. You will be missed!  
Prayers for your family.  
Rhonda Ketron



Rhonda Ketron - June 06, 2017 at 12:45 AM

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“ Ryan & Family, we are so sorry for your loss. Heaven has again gained another angel ! Our love and prayers for peace are with you all. God Bless You all, Terry & Karla Lewis and Family





“ I still remember dropping our girls off for Kindergarten and then hanging out in the front of the school chatting, sometimes for more than an hour. You had so many qualities that I totally lacked. You are such an inspiration and I am still trying to be more like you. My heart goes out to your family. I know Kylee will be strong and righteous through it all because she is so much like you. I don't know anyone who regularly influenced more people each day than you. You will be missed more than anyone knows.

MaryAnn Perry - June 03, 2017 at 11:00 PM

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“ Carol Liedtke lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn McDonald



Carol Liedtke - June 03, 2017 at 01:53 PM

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“ Amber Rice lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn McDonald



Amber Rice - June 02, 2017 at 11:40 AM

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“ Lucille Clarke lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn McDonald



Lucille Clarke - June 02, 2017 at 10:02 AM

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“ Jennifer I can still remember you, me,& grandma riding that trolley around Danville as kids. And you told me not too long ago how u remember how much I loved cereal & would eat big ole bowl fulls of it! You said it just like that! Lol! We use to laugh about how you were my aunt but you were 6 yrs younger than me. I will always adore you. Love you fly high Jen!



Crystal Grubbs - June 01, 2017 at 09:11 PM

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“ I will never forget you, my friend. So many memories. I can't believe you are gone, but I know there are too many people whose loved you touched in a positive way to measure. Rest In Peace, Jennifer.

Alana Baker - June 01, 2017 at 08:57 AM

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“ Hannah Ellis Peters lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn McDonald



Hannah Ellis Peters - June 01, 2017 at 07:35 AM

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“ She took me to the temple one eve. We were talking about coca cola for some reason. I told her I grew up in L A and loved the coke bottled in Mexico. One day the door bell rang and there she was with a couple bottles of Mexican coke in the glass bottles. Such a thoughtful thing to do.

bonnie dean - June 01, 2017 at 01:06 AM

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“ Mary Dillon lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn McDonald



mary dillon - May 31, 2017 at 10:03 PM

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“ Geraldine Dillon lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn McDonald



Geraldine Dillon - May 31, 2017 at 08:43 PM



“ My sweet Jenn words can not say how much your sweet spirit and love touched me. I would always say Lord how I wish i could be like you sis, but God makes us all different and his plans for us are all different. He so made you one of a kind. My sweet sis you will always be a big part of my heart and your love will always be with me. I love you my sweet beautiful sister!

Geraldine Dillon - May 31, 2017 at 08:50 PM

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“ Jeff Chandler lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn McDonald



Jeff Chandler - May 31, 2017 at 08:00 PM

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“ Jen, I miss u like crazy! I'm not sure what we're going to do without your spunk! You were always so happy & bright! I'm going to miss my #1 fan! Really though you made everyone you knew feel extremely special & amazing! You always lifted others up & had positive things to tell everyone & anyone! We love you so much!!! Until we meet again!

Heather McDonald - May 31, 2017 at 07:51 PM

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“ Treasure Moore lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn McDonald



Treasure Moore - May 31, 2017 at 07:47 PM

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“ Lisa And Steve Dillon lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn McDonald



Lisa and Steve Dillon - May 31, 2017 at 07:32 PM

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“ I remember being excited to go to work each day, because you were there. I was new to the job and to the community. As an introvert, I was totally anxious to be in a new place, but you made me feel welcomed and at home instantly and we became friends right away. You were my mentor and I had a blast helping lighten your work load. You introduced me to a cosplay photographer when you found out I did cosplay and as a result, that door opened up to me making many new friends when I only had a few. You were an ear to listen whenever I was frustrated or anxious and put me at ease almost immediately. You helped me get an amazing new job. Knowing you has touched my life in so many ways and I couldn't be more grateful. I've always been fascinated by not only your work ethic, but also your ability to juggle a full time job and raise 4 kids. Never in a million years when you left last year did I think it would be the last time I saw you. I'm going to miss our talks about road trips and girl

stuff. You were such an amazing support to me and I'm going to miss you so much.



**Valerie Kelly** - May 31, 2017 at 06:46 PM

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“ My Dear Jen, I am trying to find the words to express myself about the impact you have had on my life. Working together in Relief Society was a joy to me watching you rally and support the Sisters. Many times you would go on special visits with me and you knew just what to say and do. We had many serious spiritual talks and you expressed great love for your husband and children. You were a support to me and helped me through some very trying times.....you came forth with wisdom that I will always remember. I watched your testimony grow of the Savior. I will miss and cherish you my dear young sister. Until we meet again, Love Carol Liedtke



**Carol Liedtke** - May 31, 2017 at 05:36 PM

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“ Amy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn McDonald



**Amy Johnson** - May 31, 2017 at 05:27 PM

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“ Tell grandma I said hey. We love u Jenn.



Tonya Burris - May 31, 2017 at 05:14 PM

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“ Tonya Burris lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn McDonald



Tonya Burris - May 31, 2017 at 05:11 PM

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“ My dear friend - You were my "home base" for the last 15 years. We shared so much, told each other all our secrets, laughed and cried together. To many people our friendship made no sense - but it was a one of kind love we had for each other. I will cherish every 2 am phone call, soda run, spontaneous road trip, and inevitable mishap memory that I have. I now understand why you always seemed to have to go big with every event we did - why every moment had to be celebrated - I'm so glad you forced me into so many pictures and so many adventures. I will honor you by living my life more fully like you showed me it should be! I love you.

Kristi Roldan - May 31, 2017 at 05:05 PM

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“ Karri Rose lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn McDonald



Karri Rose - May 31, 2017 at 04:31 PM



“ Liberty Cameron lit a candle in memory of Jennifer Lynn McDonald



Liberty Cameron - May 31, 2017 at 04:10 PM

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“ I will miss you so so much!!! Taco Tuesday will never be the same!!! We met at a field trip for our sons and became instant best friends!!! I love you and your sweet family! Till we meet again my dear friend!!!! Love you!!!

April Hansen - May 31, 2017 at 03:41 PM

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“ 13 files added to the album Family Pictures



Liberty Cameron - May 31, 2017 at 03:29 PM