

George Dennis McDonald Jr.

Born: 7/21/1945
Kenosha
Died:

Period of Service: Viet Nam

Source: Monument, JG,B10
F2a, Am Legion Scrapbook –
box 17

His parents were George Weaver McDonald and Ruth Cody who were married on 2/3/1945. Shortly after he was born the family moved to Washington Island, and they lived in a small house in the woods on property they called 'The Twenty', acres George Sr. had inherited off Jackson Harbor Road just south of Swenson Road. There was a well with a pump for water, but no electricity or modern conveniences. He wandered off one day as a toddler creating anxiety for the family but they found him in a nearby field among the cows safe and sound. In 1947, the family moved into a new home built on the bluff at Indian Point, overlooking Rock and St. Martin Islands. He went to school on the Island and Kenosha. His parents divorced when George was five years old and he remained with his father. At 16, his mother died at the early age of 40 in Arizona. He had his own motorboat as a teenager and buzzed around Jackson Harbor in it. He worked on Rock Island the first summer it was opened as a state park. He worked Ed Anderson's potato farm and plowed 500 acres in a week. Later he worked for Ray Strege in Kenosha in the fishing industry, following in the footsteps of generations of the McDonald family.

In May 1967 he was drafted into the Army and spent ten and a half months in Viet Nam in the battle zone. He was discharged in 1969. He lives in an apartment. He had two sisters: Violet McDonald Llewellyn, and Mary Jean McDonald Frenzel.

Married Bertie Bassing. They had a daughter, Deidra Lynn, but the marriage lasted only three years.
Married Martha B. Beard on 11/22/1968.