



# Kristin Jill McDonald

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## **Kristin Jill McDonald**

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**K**ristin Jill McDonald, 60, passed away Thursday, February 19, 2026, in Fayetteville, Arkansas. She was born July 16, 1965, in Chicopee, Massachusetts, to Don and Patricia (Meerdink) Kauer.

Kristin was a twenty-nine-year member of Fellowship Bible Church, where she helped spearhead a Women's Ministry that would flourish for years to come. Kristin led Bible studies and poured into countless women with wisdom, warmth, and encouragement. Kristin also volunteered with Loving Choices, serving women and families in Northwest Arkansas with compassion and grace.

She earned her Master's degree in Counseling from Saint Rose University in Albany New York, and though she did not practice professionally, she used her gifts to counsel, encourage, and serve others in meaningful ways throughout her life.

Kristin's creativity, joy, and zest for life shone brightly in so many ways. Nowhere was that more evident than in her cherished role as "Mimi" to her beloved grandchildren.

She is survived by her loving husband of nearly 34 years, Tom McDonald; her three children, Justin McDonald, Meghan Bennett, and Mitch McDonald; their spouses, Maggie McDonald, Rick Bennett, and Sarah McDonald; and her treasured grandchildren, Ivy Drew McDonald, Harvey McDonald, and Brooks Bennett, with another McDonald grandchild joyfully expected in the coming days. She is also survived by her sister, Susan Miller; her mother, Patricia Hurd; her father, Don Kauer; her stepmother, Sue Kauer; her stepsister, Sarah Van Drunen and her husband, Mark Van Drunen; and many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, February 27, 10:30am at Fellowship Bible Church in Fayetteville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Celebrate Recovery through Fellowship Bible Church (please select "Fayetteville CR" in the designated fund section).



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<https://fellowshipnwa.org/page/1775>

To sign the online guest book, please visit <https://www.bernafuneralhome.com>





# Events


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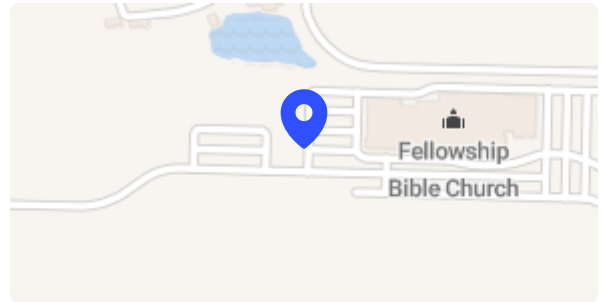
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## Celebration of Life

 **Friday**, February 27, 2026

 10:30 AM CT

 **Fellowship Bible Church**  
3447 AR-112, Fayetteville AR 72704





# Tribute Wall

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**Sandy Weishaar** posted:

I am so sad to hear of Kristen's passing. She was such a lovely lady, and I thoroughly enjoyed teaching Kristen and Tom's three children. My sincere condolences to her family. I will keep your family in my thought and prayers.Sandy Weishaar

March 1 at 8:34 AM



**Paige Kroening** posted:

We were so very sorry to learn of Kristin's passing. I have fond memories of playing Bunco with her years ago and of teaching her three wonderful children. We were honored to contribute to Celebrate Recovery in Kristin's memory. We will be praying for your family.Bob and Paige Kroening

February 27 at 11:56 AM



**Todd M.** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Kristin.



February 26 at 12:52 PM



**With Love The Batchelder's & The Rizzo's** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the McDonald family.



February 26 at 8:59 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the McDonald family.



February 25 at 11:13 PM



**Jerome, Trinh And Norah** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the McDonald family.



February 24 at 11:14 PM



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**Jerome, Trinh And Norah** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Kristin.

February 24 at 11:14 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Kristin.

February 24 at 10:48 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the McDonald family.

February 24 at 10:48 AM



**Bill Cappelletti** sent an Arrive in Style to the McDonald family.

February 23 at 8:09 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Kristin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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