

Cpl Lee (Leland John) McDonald

Born 7/28/1928 on
Island

Died:

Service # 550-47-312

Period of Service: WW II and
Korea

Sources: B10 F2a, Overly
Report, Monument, JG

Entered service 11/20/1949

Discharged 1952

He was born at home, which is now McDonald's cottage # 1 with a midwife present.

Married Lois Ann Jessen on 9/17/1955. He was a commercial fisherman, and when fishing was poor, went to get his high school diploma in Kenosha. Later he went to work for Eaton Dynamatic in Kenosha where he became an executive. He retired from there on August 31, 1989.

His parents were Dennis Bryan McDonald and Marie Christiansen (married on 10/20/1917.) His grandparents were Charles Mason McDonald and Mary Young McDonald. Lee is the youngest of four children: Clark who died in infancy, Evelyn, Charles and Leland. Lee hung around the fishing docks when a child and picked up a few cuss words from the men which his mother cured with a bar of soap. Lee says he led a Tom Sawyer/Huck Finn life as a youngster.

They had four boys: Kevin born 7/1/1956, Bryan born 6/19/1959, Dennis born 7/13/1965, and Scott born 8/29/1967.

After service he went to work for American Motors, which was in some difficulty at the time. He then joined Dynamatic, a division of Eaton Corp, and was with them for 34 years, retiring as Manager of Service and Heavy assembly. He suffered a slight stroke in 1992 and a serious fall in June, 2001.

