

## George Edward MacDonald

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George Edward MacDonald left his earthly home peacefully in Waxhaw, North Carolina and stepped into the presence of His Lord and Savior on November 18, 2021 after a long illness. The family is so grateful for the wonderful and compassionate care he received from Community Hospice Care.

He was born in Waukegan, Illinois to Chester and Jane MacDonald. The family moved to southern Illinois when he was 11 years old and graduated from West Frankfort High School in 1951. He graduated from Asbury University in 1955, then Moody Bible Institute in 1959 and the University of Papua New Guinea in 1978. He married Georgetta Owens in Wilmore, Kentucky in 1955. He and Georgetta joined Wycliffe Bible Translators in 1960. He is survived by his wife of 66 years and two sons, Ed MacDonald, (and Pam), of McKinney, Texas and Scott MacDonald (and Christy), of Waxhaw, North Carolina, six grandchildren, Amber, Anthony, Ashley, Alissa, Adam and Marissa and their spouses and seventeen great grandchildren. He had two younger siblings, Bill (deceased 1990), and survived by brother, Patrick (and Carol), of Valley Park, Missouri.

Except for a short interim assignment in Nepal, the MacDonalds spent most of their adult lives serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators and SIL International in Papua New Guinea translating the Old and New Testaments for the Dadibi people and dedicated in 2001. George also did translation consultant work in Papua New Guinea as well as in India, Nepal, Korea and Dallas, Texas. He retired in 2008 but continued with consultant work on a volunteer basis until his illness in 2014.

Marriage took place on his college graduation day and he said, "Never again, that was too much in one day". He was known for his humor and storehouse of jokes and his love of flying (he was not a pilot but was made an honorary Papua New Guinea JAARS pilot in 1987). He often joked that the Lord let him do translation work since he was not good enough to be a pilot. He had friends in many places and was encouraging, supportive, very conscientious, very goal oriented and responsible.