

McDONALD



SARAH FRANCES McDONALD
Miss Sarah Frances McDonald of Decatur,
Georgia died on November 7, 1998. Miss

McDonald, the first woman member of the Decatur Bar Association, engaged in the civil practice of law in Decatur from 1951 - 1980. Miss McDonald was born on August 9, 1915 to Dr. Edward Monroe and Belle Braselton McDonald of Jefferson, GA. She received an A.B. degree from Agnes Scott College ('36) and graduated magna cum laude with first honor from the Woodrow Wilson College of Law ('51). Miss McDonald was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 1951. In 1957, she was honored as Atlanta's Woman of the Year in the Professions. She served on the Board of Trustees of Agnes Scott College, as national President of the Agnes Scott Alumnae Association, and received an Outstanding Alumna Award in 1976. As charter President of the Decatur Business and Professional Women's Club, Miss McDonald pioneered a driver's education program in DeKalb County high schools, for which the club received the first place award in a national traffic safety competition. Other professional honors and associations include: President of the Georgia Association of Women Lawyers; first woman attorney member of the Atlanta Estate Planning Council and member of the Executive Board; member of the Board of Directors of the DeKalb County Chamber of Commerce; member of the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society; served on the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women; served on various committees of the State Bar of Georgia, the Decatur-DeKalb Bar Association and the State Chamber of Commerce; listed in Who's Who of American Women. Miss McDonald was associated in legal practice with many outstanding attorneys including Margaret Hills Fairleigh of Atlanta. Miss McDonald also devoted herself to her community, serving on the boards of the Decatur-DeKalb Branch Family YMCA and her local civic association, and teaching in the community education program of Emory University. She was a member of the Clairmont Presbyterian Church and the Druid Hills Golf Club. Miss McDonald, known and loved as "Pampy," is survived by a host of family and friends, including her closest living relative, Henry Edward Braselton of Braselton, cousins John Oliver Braselton, III and May Braselton Dodd of Denver, CO; Susan Collier Braselton of Arlington, VA; Anne Elisabeth Braselton Miller of Suwanee, and Stephanie Rowland Braselton of Braselton, GA, and special friends Maggie Bowles and Katie Passmore. A memorial service celebrating the life of Miss McDonald will be held at A.S. Turner & Sons in Decatur at 11 AM on Tuesday, November 10, and followed by a graveside service at 2:30 pm at the Braselton family cemetery in Braselton. Contributions may be made to Agnes Scott College and Clairmont Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends on Monday, November 9 from 5 - 8 PM at A.S. Turner & Sons, 2773 North Decatur Road, Decatur, GA.