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Francis Patrick "Frankie", "Frannie", "Nature Boy", "MAC", "Big Daddy" McGinniss, age 70 of Milton, DE, passed away on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at his home, after a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was born on January 22, 1951 in Washington, DC, son of the late Francis and Eileen McGinniss.

A proud veteran, Mr. McGinniss served active duty in the US AirForce and with the Army National Guard and Army Reserves. He built a career in the utilities industry as a controlman, retiring from Washington Gas Light Company in Hyattsville, MD. Following his retirement, he concentrated on his business, Frank's A/C and Heating. Mr. McGinniss married the love of his life, Evelyn Riguelme, at St. Catherine Church, Silver Spring, MD, in 1973. Together, they raised a beautiful family, of which he was immensely proud. Mr. McGinniss was a member of the VFW, American Legion, the Emerald Society, and Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed the beach, dancing, and music. Above all, Mr. McGinniss cherished time spent with those he held most dear, especially his grandchildren, all of whom he adored. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend who was loved by many and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, Mr. McGinniss was preceded in death by his brother, Michael McGinniss; his sister, Kathy McGinniss; and his nephews: Richard Riguelme and Anthony Riguelme. He is survived by his beloved wife of 48 years, Evelyn Rita McGinniss; his daughters: Kelly Long (Brad) and Karlie Class (Ryan); his grandchildren: Martina Pistole, Delaney Long, Madelyn Class, McKenna Class, Gabriella Class, and Harper Class; his brother, John McGinniss; his nephews: Patrick McGinniss, Jason McGinniss, and Jimmy Ruane; his nieces: Christina Ittenbach, Lea Ittenbach, Taylor Ruane, and Elizabeth Ruane; and his many cousins.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no in-person service. All are invited to join a live-stream memorial service on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 11:00 AM by visiting <https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1123936>. Mr. McGinniss will be laid to rest at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro, DE.



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In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in Mr. McGinniss' memory to the Parkinson's Education and Support Group of Sussex County, PO Box 56, Lewes, DE 19958.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.




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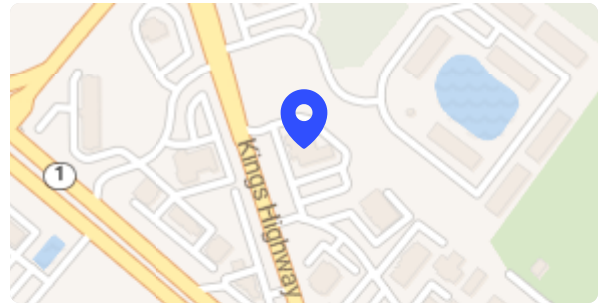
Floral Delivery

 **Tuesday**, March 16, 2021

 3:00 PM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958





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RS

Roxanne (Hughes) Stasulli posted:

My deepest condition to Frank's family. I met Frank at Northwestern High. He was introduced to me as "Nature Boy." In fact, he actually drove a bunch of us after graduation to Ocean City for "June bug" beach week. He was the sweetest guy you'd ever meet. Funny beyond belief. I'm terribly sorry he had to endure the ravages of Parkinson's. I'm glad he's free from all that now. Know he will never be forgotten. Such a good person.

December 23 at 7:51 PM

TD

Tom Dahl posted:

American Legion Post 5 wishes to express its deepest sympathy and prayers for Frank. His passing is a loss to the Post as he was a fun, good hearted and honest person. A donation in his name was made by the Post to The Parkinson's Education and Support Group of Sussex County. Tom Dahl Commander

March 21 at 2:59 AM

JM

Joe / Veronica Mcadams posted:

Frank was a great friend with a electric persona that changed everyone near him. Family vacations & fishing trips were the best of times. He could make something as mundane as going to the store a great adventure and then into a cherished memory. We will miss him greatly and he will always be in our hearts .

March 16 at 6:26 AM



Anonymous sent a Cherished Memories to the McGinniss family.



March 15 at 9:28 AM

SC

Shirley Class posted:

Frank, you have fought a courageous battle, and now you can Rest In Peace. I will never forget your strength, sense of humor, and love of family. Know that while you are missed, you live on in your beautiful family and in the hearts of all who knew you. My deepest condolences Karlie, Kelly, Evelyn, And all the family. Much love to you all!

March 15 at 9:16 AM



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Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the McGinniss family.



March 15 at 8:36 AM



Ray Fanara posted:

Frank McGinniss was one of the most honest businessmen I've ever known, I never had to worry about any A/C repair or service performed by Frank in my home. As a longtime customer his visits were always welcomed even if it was for a new A/C unit install. I was saddened to read of his passing in the Washington Post but uplifted by all the other great qualities Frank brought to this world as stated in the obituary. My prayers go out to Frank and his family, with deepest sympathies. Ray & Julie Fanara

March 14 at 8:19 AM



Patti McCarthy posted:

We will forever hold you in our hearts. We had some wonderful times...Body Shop when your yellow van backed down the street unattended, Bermuda when I tried to teach you to swim even though I couldn't swim, the Bloody Bucket when you had to come pick us up, Ocean City, Holden Beach, too many places to list! So very many memories and they all included hysterical laughter. You put the Fine in Hyattsville's Finest. Until we meet again. Xoxo, Patti and Tommy

March 11 at 6:49 AM



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Karlie Class posted:

So many great memories with my dad it's hard to pick my favorite....loved the rides to school; we'd stop at 6-12 in Olney on the way to school. Loved our talks, he literally was the best listener with the best advice. Loved our dance parties when mom worked nights. My dad loved radio contests and one in particular I remember he won Rolling Stones tickets. Seriously awesome great memories from that night when I was a 5th grader. It was my first concert which I still have fond memories of today. If you knew Frank you know he was a hard worker; he never made excuses and he always held high expectations for his girls. He instilled in us that girls could do anything-including cutting the grass lol. He never liked tv except for watching the redskins or the 11 o'clock news. You'd probably find him working in his yard, tinkering in his garage, or helping one of his girls with their homework. He always made time for others despite working his full time job and his heating and a/c business. Growing up we enjoyed his great sense of humor and his smile and laugh which were contagious. I loved Sunday's because I knew he'd make the big breakfast with French toast, fresh squeezed orange juice, and he'd have the mini-page pulled out of the Washington Post for me. He was the calm and the sense of reason when you had a bad day. He was so forgiving when you knew you messed up. He reassured us that every day is a new day when you make a mistake and you're still loved. School was an utmost importance for him, nothing came before school. He was someone you could count on and also laugh with; I felt comfort in talking to him. He loved music and classic rock. Family was his forefront he worked hard to support us. In his later years when Parkinson's took him from us it grew harder for him to express all that once was important to him. We hold right to those memories because we know he still held them dear to his heart. May he finally be at peace, dancing in heaven watching over us all. Much love dad I feel blessed to be your daughter. Vaya con dios love you. ❤️

February 26 at 5:55 PM



Chris Crabill March 9 at 8:04 AM

Sending sympathy to the McGinniss family. So sorry to hear of Franks passing.



Debi Gardner Holden March 9 at 6:53 AM

My deepest sympathy to the McGinnis family, we lost a great guy...one of the funniest, caring people I knew! Love and prayers to all of you during this rough time.



Brenda Graninger March 7 at 7:48 AM

Evey. It's been a very long time. But you were a part of my life a while back. Every time I rode past your street in olney off of Bowie mill, I guess it was cashell I'd think of you and your family. I remember you had your vitro family over for a wonderful gathering. And I recall Frank. You were a great boss. You had a baby shower for me at work for one of my kids. My sincere condolences to you and your family on Frank's passing after reading his really nice death notice in the paper. I guess you live in Milton DE now. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this much difficult time. Take care Brenda Graninger.



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PT

Patti Turner lit a candle in honor of Francis.

Frankie worked hard and played hard. He took great care of his family and put their needs above his. You will be missed but you are in a better place now and healthy. Enjoyed our fishing trips in the outer banks and in the Florida keys. We had a ball didn't we?? Save some fish for me so when we meet again we can fish once again. Love you my friend ❤️♥️♥️♥️♥️

March 3 at 2:47 PM



WS

William Smith lit a candle in honor of Francis.

So sorry for the loss of Frank. My prayers go out to the family and may the support of family and friends help you through this time of sorrow. RIP Frank. Bouncer Smith

March 3 at 6:39 AM



BC

Billy/Debbie Coursey posted:

My sympathy to the entire McGuinnis family. I had the privilege of meeting and knowing Frank around campfires almost 12 years ago. I will forever remember great conversations wrapped almost exclusively around his girls and grandkids. It started with just a couple kids but Kelly and Karlie kept blessing him with one after another. I can tell you he remained ready for as many kids as you could bring. He was a very proud man. He was also very calm. Maybe because at the end of the night he knew all the kids were going home, I don't know but I wished I could have borrowed some of that calmness. He was also Irish, AND a beer drinker. Great combination. My thoughts are with you all.

March 2 at 4:07 PM

CD

Carol Daniels posted:

To Frank's family, I am so sorry to hear of Frank's passing. I know he is in a better place and no more Parkinson's! Hallelujah! It is hard for us left behind. Frank will certainly be watching over you all. He so loved his grandkids. Joe and I loved talking with Frank (especially Joe). Frank and Joe are likely in heaven right now. God Bless you guys. My thoughts are with you.

March 2 at 1:30 PM



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WS

William Smith lit a candle in honor of Francis.

So sorry for the loss of Frank. My prayers go out to the family and may the support of family and friends help you through this time of sorrow. RIP Frank. Bouncer Smith

March 2 at 10:20 AM



KL

Kelly Long posted:

I will forever remember our dance parties. I will keep dancing and I will be looking for you on every dance floor. -Kelly

March 2 at 2:19 AM

RC

Ryan Class posted:

Frank I'll miss you my friend, you were loved by many and I'll miss your smile, your laugh, your big heart and words of wisdom. I'm so glad all my daughters were able to meet you, they were all so upset when you left us but they know you are in a better place free of pain. I'll see you again but until then watch out for us down here. Love you Frank, we all do!

March 1 at 7:24 PM

SF

Suzanne Foley posted:

Great memories of our times together. RIP dear friend. ♥ Sue

February 28 at 4:28 AM

AS

Arlene Simms lit a candle in honor of Francis.

Our thoughts & prayers are with you Evelyn & your entire family. May Frank fly with the angels & be at peace. Hugs & love! Sincerely, Roger & Arlene Simms

February 28 at 4:18 AM





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MT

Mary Thorne posted:

Jack & I are saddened by the passing of Frank, although we know that he is with the Lord in a better place. We'll always remember the fun times at the VFW that we had with Frankie & his loving wife, my friend, Evey. Our only regret is that we didn't meet Frank sooner than we did. We knew that he had the biggest heart of anyone you will ever meet. Love, Mary & Jack Thorne

February 27 at 9:26 PM

CD

Candace Davis lit a candle in honor of Francis.

He lived, he loved, he laughed, he left, but will remain in our hearts forever. RIP, Frankie ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

February 27 at 8:44 AM



BS

Barry Simpson posted:

I'll always remember and cherish the memories working with Frank years ago. The fishing/hunting trips and him being a groomsman at my wedding 29 years ago. Rest In Peace my friend. And my sincere condolences to the McGinniss family

February 27 at 7:41 AM

EF

Eileen Frank posted:

Frank was a wonderful man and arrived in heaven saying "let the good times roll!" His sense of humor was legendary and he was always the life of the party. I have so many great memories of Frank beginning with high school when he would pick me and our friends up in his yellow van to head for the DC bar The Body Shop, to our retirement for fun in the sun living at DE beaches. Frank was family from the heart for me. As a young single mother, his mom and dad cared for my daughter. Late in Frank's life I had the privilege of caring for him to give his much-loved wife Evelyn an occasional respite. The greatest gift Frank and my treasured friend Evelyn gave me was sharing their family life with me. Both Frank's daughter's Kelly and Karlie, include me in their holidays and family events. Frank's late brother and sister, Mike and Kathy, were both my friends and his brother John and I continue to be close. Frank was the glue that brought us all together. His courageous fight against the ravages of Parkinson's amazed everyone who knew him. I will miss him more than I can say but know all the memories will warm my heart. Farewell my friend. I love you.

February 27 at 6:43 AM



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Stephanie R. Renn posted:

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Evey and her family as this most difficult time. You all are in my thoughts and healing prayers in the day to come. Stephanie Renn

February 26 at 5:55 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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