



## William McGinnis

May 11, 1931 - January 16, 2020

William Duaine McGinnis was born 11 May 1931 at Blaser, just outside Tunnelton, Preston county, West Virginia; the fourth child of his parents and third son. His mother was Isabelle Virginia Roe born at Newburg, WV and his father William Thomas McGinnis born at Tunnelton.

William Duaine was the last surviving sibling of his immediate family members.

William D. graduated from Preston High School in 1948..

He enlisted in the USAF in 1950, retired in 1971.

He did tours in Alaska, Korea and Vietnam. He was married for the first time on an air base, his children all born on air bases, as well as most of his nieces and nephews. Wm was married 3 times, two of the wives preceded him in death; his first wife the mother of his four children is still living.

One son preceded him in death.

Wm. had four grandchildren and a great grandson of his direct line,

four stepchildren and their descendents.

Wm. was a family man who enjoyed the company of people, a neighborly man who in his long life was an enthusiastic participant in visiting family, friends, and coworkers. While stationed in Alaska, he hosted many get-togethers, both at rec areas and at his home. He sponsored families coming from the States and helped get them settled.

His career became Communications. He was a Technical Sergeant.

Wm. continued to work after his military retirement for as long as his doctor would permit. Companies included were General Telephone of the Southeast;

followed by AVCO, where he traveled the country installing communications for airports. He was Installation Supervisor for AVCO Services Corporation, and Field Engineer for AVCO/Bell Technical Operations. A vending machine company employed him to maintain machines at theaters, Weeki Wachi, and Silver Springs. Like most of the men of his clan, he loved new inventions, gadgets, tools and education..

Wm. recorded music most of his life. That was his favorite hobby. He played chess, cards, checkers, worked puzzles and crosswords, grew plants, repaired things and built more. He liked swimming in their pool, traveling, and socializing.

He was proud of having lived to the age of 88 yrs.

Survivors include Mr. Bryan McGinnis wife, Tamara; Mrs. Debra Cornett husband, Carlos; Mrs. Sandra Mann husband, Donald; Mr. James Sistler; Mr. John Sistler; Mr. Joe Sistler their respective families.

# Tribute Wall

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“ We gave our tears and sorrows to each other for 65 years. I can still feel your hand holding mine. I think I can find a place to hold everything you trusted to me; but I can't find a place to put my tears. Love you forever, Daddy.

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**Number One** - February 05, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Uncle Buck as I have always known him was my favorite uncle. I always remembered his red hair just like mine an my mothers, his sister Betty (Luverna). Love an comfort to his family.

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**Jeanne Clarke Klapka** - February 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I always see you in the deeds and expressions of your son, my husband! What a wonderful role model you are to your children, grandchildren and anyone else who knew you. I met you when I was 19 years old, and you were a great Father In LOVE to me, and will be greatly missed...

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**Tammy Douglas McGinnis** - January 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Mom and Bill.....41 years together here on earth...now eternity in heaven.Love you...see you soon.

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**Joe Sistler** - January 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *Dad made me the person I am today. He has touched the lives of thousands of people all over this great country. The memory of his good works will never be erased as long as I breathe. May his educational efforts live on forever in his children, grandchildren and their heirs. Rest now father and be at Peace.*

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**Debbie** - January 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Best grandpa a girl could ask for. Say hello to grandma for me. I hope your dancing in Heaven together. Love you.*

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**Jessica Sistler** - January 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ *The family.*

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**s** - January 21, 2020 at 12:00 AM