



F. Kevin McGinnity

June 13, 1947 - December 6, 2023

The recording of Kevin's funeral service is viewable at <https://vimeo.com/892434359?share=copy>

Francis Kevin McGinnity, 76, of Valley City, ND passed away in Fargo, ND at VA Hospital on December 6, 2023, after battling Lewy Body Dementia.

Kevin was born Friday June 13th, 1947, to Donald George McGinnity and Minnie Faye McGinnity (Dannewitz) in Stanley, ND. He was the youngest of three children.

He grew up on the McGinnity family farm located outside of McGregor, ND. As a child, he was involved with boy scouts and enjoyed working with the animals on his family's farm. Kevin attended the Lindahl grade school and graduated from McGregor High School in 1965. He began attending UND in Grand Forks ND and studied mechanical engineering starting in 1966. He enlisted into the Army in November of 1966 and completed basic training at Fort Rucker, Alabama on Feb 27, 1968. From March of 1968 until March 1969 where he flew Huey-type aircraft and hauled troops and cargo in Vietnam. Kevin earned the Vietnam Service Medal, a Silver Star, Army Commendation Medal, an Air Medal, and a Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Upon his return to the States, his duties included Mission and Installation Contracting Command where he escorted fallen soldiers back to their families. After his honorable

discharge from the service on August 26th, 1970, he resumed his studies at UND graduating in 1972 with a degree in Business Administration. He was a member of the UND Flying Club and served as their treasurer for a time.

While residing in Spring Lake Park, MN between 1980 and 2014 he worked as a purchasing agent for ONAN/Cummins Engine Corporation. In 1990, he was awarded full custody of his two daughters, who he successfully raised as a single parent. With his support and backing, his daughter Jill was able to complete Veterinary school in 2000 and start her own Veterinary practice near Perham Minnesota in 2002. He made it possible for his daughter Janice to spend a year abroad in South Africa as a rotary student and come back to complete a degree in psychology. He retired in 2003 and spent time maintaining some rental properties. He loved fixing things and was fantastic at home repairs. Just before he retired from Cummins, he volunteered with local high schools teaching students about basic financial management skills. In his spare time, he also was active with St. Timothy's Catholic Church and facilitated sessions for the "widowed/separated/divorced support groups. Kevin was also an active gardener.

In 2002, Kevin found the love of his life when he began dating Colleen Olson. They were married on June 18 2005 in Williston, ND. They relocated to their current home in Valley City, ND in 2014.

He is survived by his wife Colleen, Valley City, and his two daughters: Jill (Joseph) Langlie, Richville, MN, and Janice (Jared) Place, Fridley, MN, his brother Leonard (Marie) McGinnity Aurora, CO; brothers-in-law Rodger (Helene) Olson, Tioga, ND, Lee Olson, Tioga, ND, Sister-in-law Lori Olson, Tioga, ND, and Numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents Donald and Faye McGinnity, sister Kathy Rodahl, brother-in-law Jerry Rodahl, nieces Renee Rodahl and Peggy Rodahl, and nephew Jamie Rodahl, as well as his brother-in-law Larry Olson.

The funeral service for Kevin will be 10:30 am Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at Grace Free Lutheran Church, Valley City. Visitation will be Monday from 5 to 7 pm at the church with a prayer service at 7 pm. Visitation will continue Tuesday one hour before the service at the church. Burial will be 10 am Wednesday at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan, ND.

Cemetery Details

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery

1825 - 46th St.
Mandan, ND

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Grace Free Lutheran Church
2351 W. Main St.
Valley City, ND

Prayer Service

DEC 11. 7:00 PM (CT)

Grace Free Lutheran Church
2351 W. Main St.
Valley City, ND

Visitation

DEC 12. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Grace Free Lutheran Church
2351 W. Main St.
Valley City, ND

Funeral Service

DEC 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

Grace Free Lutheran Church
2351 W. Main St.
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall



“ Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of F. Kevin McGinnity



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - December 10, 2023 at 04:42 PM

MC

“ I remember my cousin, Kevin, as being fun loving and sometimes a prankster. We are so proud of Kevin serving our country. May Kevin rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers to Colleen, Janice, Jill, and all of Kevin's family as you grieve his loss.
Mary K (McGinnity) Cochems

Mary Cochems - December 12, 2023 at 08:07 AM



“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - December 11, 2023 at 02:44 PM

LR

Many prayers for you, our dear friend Colleen. I was very proud to be a part of your marriage to Kevin. You were meant for each other. And enjoyed every visit with you two. Deepest sympathy to you and Kevins family.

Love, Linda Faye (Holte) and Gary RAAN family.

Linda Faye Raan - December 12, 2023 at 09:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of F. Kevin McGinnity.*



December 11, 2023 at 11:05 AM

DA

“ *Dannewitz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis Kevin McGinnity.*

Dannewitz - December 11, 2023 at 08:42 AM

DA

“ *Dannewitz purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of F. Kevin McGinnity.*



Dannewitz - December 11, 2023 at 08:42 AM



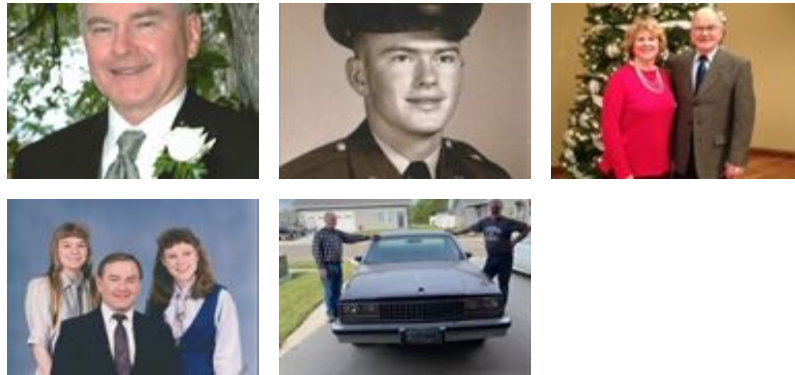
“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of F. Kevin McGinnity.



December 10, 2023 at 06:20 PM



“ *101 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - December 10, 2023 at 04:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of F. Kevin McGinnity.



December 09, 2023 at 04:08 PM

SS

“ We Wisconsin cousins of Kevin share deeply in your loss. Our dad Jim was Donald's brother and our large family of 13 always relished a visit, whether in WI or ND. We will be making a donation to the McGinnity Family Foundation in Kevin's name and our thoughts and prayers will be with Kevin's family and friends as you gather to celebrate Kevin's welcome into the arms of his dear Lord and Savior.....after his full life of service. Blessings to allNancy , Mary , Sue , Odra, Tom, Geri ,Maureen, Dan and Kate

Sue McGinnity Simon - December 09, 2023 at 10:40 AM

BT

“ Bob and Teri planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Francis Kevin McGinnity.

Bob and Teri - December 08, 2023 at 05:22 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of F. Kevin McGinnity.



December 08, 2023 at 05:22 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of F. Kevin McGinnity.



December 08, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ *The Fretland/Nelson families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of F. Kevin McGinnity.*



The Fretland/Nelson families - December 08, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of F. Kevin McGinnity.*



December 08, 2023 at 11:56 AM