



Mr. Don W. McGinnis

June 1, 1941 - September 24, 2020

Don W. McGinnis, 79, died September 24, 2020 at home in North Gadsden with his family by his side. He was born at home on June 1, 1941 in North Gadsden. He became a Christian at an early age and graduated high school in Gadsden. In June 1960, he married his sweetheart, Judy, at James Memorial Baptist Church. Don and Judy recently celebrated sixty beautiful years of marriage.

Don began his retail career at Dan Cohen's located on Broad Street in Gadsden as a shoe salesman. Always ambitious, he advanced his career with Butler Shoes as a manager and an area supervisor. He was responsible for a number of stores throughout the Southeast. During his career, he and his wife Judy had the opportunity to live in several different states. They had many adventures and made several sweet friends along the way. However, the two of them always wanted to be closer to their hometown and in 1974 they were able to return to Gadsden where they raised their two daughters, Cynthia and Molly.

While in Gadsden, Don owned and operated Pedo's in Rainbow City. Many people have fond memories of him being there as Santa during his favorite holiday, Christmas. Don also co-owned Edie Adams Cut and Curl Beauty Salons with his sister, Joyce. Before retiring, he enjoyed working at Rainbow Lanes in Rainbow City. Throughout his life, Don always stepped in with a helping hand. Whether it was working with Gadsden High students to build their homecoming floats or being a band booster at Southside High, Don was

always there for his girls. Don had a gift for making life fun for himself and those around him. He lived a full life and encouraged others to do the same. Don's resilience and strength was a testimony to all who knew him when he suffered a stroke in 2003. Despite this, he did not let his medical conditions keep him from enjoying life. He practiced strengthening his hand by teaching himself to create beautiful paintings. Playing and spending time with his grandchildren was such a joy for him. He also continued to pursue his love of singing gospel hymns and blessing his family with wonderful Sunday dinners for them to enjoy together.

Don was a devoted man who was adored by his family and friends. He was a faithful Christian who never met a stranger. He knew how to make a person feel special; and it takes a special person to do that. He will be dearly missed. He is preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Willard and Bertha McGinnis; brother, Everette McGinnis; and sister, Joyce Daniel Childs. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Judy McGinnis; his daughters, Ms. Cynthia McGinnis and Mrs. Molly McDonald (Phillip); and two grandchildren, Ellen McDonald and Drew McDonald. A private family ceremony will be held at a date to be determined.

Tribute Wall

PW

“ Judy, i am so saddened to learn of your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. My love to you and Molly.
Peggy Wetzel

peggy wetzel - October 11, 2020 at 10:50 AM

MM

Peggy, Thank you so much.

Molly McDonald - October 11, 2020 at 07:40 PM

JW

“ I never met him, but I love his wife & Molly & I know he was a great fella because he has a great daughter & wife. I met Molly's sister a few times & she is a precious lady too. You all are in my UTMOST prayers. 🙏❤️🙏

jackie white wade - September 26, 2020 at 03:41 PM

MM

Jackie, we all appreciate your prayers. Thank you.

Molly McDonald - October 11, 2020 at 07:41 PM

DH

“ David's favorite memories of Don was taking he and brother Randy fishing and teaching him how to ski. He as well as Nikki and Heather enjoyed his wonderful barbecues and fireworks 🌟. Jean David's wife also go to enjoy his wonderful barbecues. He will be missed. Rest In Peace Don for your work on earth is done. We will continue to cherish you memories.

David and Jean Harris - September 25, 2020 at 08:48 PM

MM

I love those memories! Thank you for sharing. He did so love the water and a good B-B-Q. Love to you all.

Molly McDonald - October 11, 2020 at 07:45 PM

AP

“*Don was like a second daddy to me growing up. I have so many fond memories of being at the McGinnis house. It was basically my second home from sixth grade until after high school. Don always made sure Molly and her friends had fun when we were there. He would set up a tent in the backyard for us to camp out. He, of course, would then proceed to try to spook us while we were camping. He was a huge jokester! The man loved to cook and was brilliant at it! I had some of my best meals sitting around that kitchen table. You definitely didn't want to miss his crab legs or a good fish fry! Everyone was always welcome in his home and around his table, and he made you feel like family. He was one of the toughest men I have ever had the privilege to know. He faced so many medical issues the last several years, and he did it with such grace, strength, and determination. He loved his family immensely and was one of the best “girl dads” God ever made. He will be so missed on this earth, but I know he is walking with Jesus in Heaven and is probably sharing some pretty great stories with him.*”

Angie Pate - September 25, 2020 at 05:27 PM

AR

Molly, My deepest sympathy to you and your lovely family. Fathers are so important to their precious children. Your children have so many lasting memories of their Christian heritage. May our Heavenly Father wrap his loving arms around you and give you peace. In Jesus name I humbly pray , Amen

Anne Robison - September 25, 2020 at 08:36 PM

MM

Angie, this means so much. I'm so thankful you knew him so well and that you and I share so many find, fun memories with him. Love you so much.

Molly McDonald - October 11, 2020 at 07:47 PM

MM

Anne, thank you so much. We appreciate your prayers. Hope you are doing well. Love, Molly

Molly McDonald - October 11, 2020 at 07:48 PM