



John Michael McGinnis

February 29, 1936 - February 7, 2015

John Michael McGinnis, age 78, died on Saturday, February 7, 2015, in Tomball, Texas.

Mike was born on February 29, 1936, in Pine Bluff Arkansas as the first of four children born to John Clark and Lois Duff McGinnis.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife and the mother of his children Martha Trotter McGinnis, a daughter Kimberly Howington, and his wife and childhood sweetheart, Mildred Wallis Wallick of Monticello.

He is survived by two sons, Duff McGinnis (Jeanne) and Duncan McGinnis (Carol), grandsons Jason, Robert and Ethan McGinnis, and Scott Scarborough (all of the greater Houston area), Sgt Michael Howington, USMC and J.J. Howington of Texarkana Arkansas.

Mike also leaves behind two brothers, Dr. Patrick McGinnis (Rita) of Edmond Oklahoma; Dr. Tom McGinnis (Joy) of Johnson City, Tennessee and a sister, Susan Calaway (Jim) of Fairfield Bay, Arkansas.

Also surviving are three step-children; Sherri Witcher and Paul Wallick, Jr. of Monticello, Arkansas and Brian Wallick of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mike grew up on the Arkansas A&M campus, where his father taught chemistry. He graduated from Drew Central High School in 1954, attended Arkansas A&M for two years and graduated from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville in 1958 with a degree in chemical engineering. He and Martha were married on April 5 of the same year, and after a short time in Nebraska working as a corrosion engineer moved to Crossett, Arkansas where he was employed by the Crossett paper mill. For the next 27 years, Mike served in the Crossett Company and its successor Georgia Pacific. He left GP in 1991 and was a management consultant in a paper located in Aceh, Indonesia for three years. Returning to Arkansas, he and Martha built a home in the Diamondhead community near Hot Springs, Arkansas and remained there until her death. Mike reunited with and married his childhood sweetheart, Mildred Wallick, and lived in Monticello, before recently moving to Texas to be near his sons and grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation in Mike's name be made to the the American Lung Association.

Tribute Wall

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“ I had the privilege of serving as the attorney for the Diamondhead POA for 23 years. Mike was a member of that board and was President for a full term. He was a "no nonsense", "let's get it done", "get to the point" kind of guy who I truly respected and liked. He will be missed. May God bless him and his family.

David Goldman - February 14, 2015 at 02:13 PM



“ I'll always cherish the years of memories. He will be missed. May be good Lord put his loving arms around each of you to comfort and give you peace.
My love to each, Miss Mary

Mary Harris, Murfreesboro, NC.

Mary Harris - February 11, 2015 at 12:21 PM

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We will always remember this quiet, but really funny man. God bless his soul.

Gates and Sharon Williams - February 13, 2015 at 02:56 PM



Duff and Duncan, You know how much Mr. Mike and Miss Martha were and will always be a huge part of our lives. I am so thankful for the wonderful memories of growing up around your household in Crossett like an extended family member. I pray for peace and comfort and great memories for you and your families. Maybe Mom is enjoying a good card game and laughter with them. Love, Russ, Connie, and Maddie

Russ-Connie Rodgers - February 16, 2015 at 09:20 AM