



## J.C. "Mac" McGinty Jr.

September 25, 1934 - November 15, 2022

J.C. "Mac" McGinty passed away peacefully in his home, surrounded by his family, on November 15, 2022.

A native of West Point, GA, he was born in the back bedroom of the home on September 25, 1934, to J.C. McGinty, Sr and Ira Borders McGinty. Coined at birth by Ira's sister as "Buddy", he grew up in an idyllic town, with close relations to his Borders, Murphy, and McGinty families in the surrounding area. He attended and graduated from West Point High School in 1952, went on to graduate from Oxford College of Emory University, Emory University in Atlanta, and Atlanta Law School. Mac also attended and graduated from OCS in 1959 and served in the United States Army. He maintained close, consistent contact with the friends he made at each of these institutions, attending reunions, get-togethers, and gatherings, both formal and informal, throughout his life. He treasured his relationship with each group of friends and attended OCS reunions for more than 50 years. At the time of his passing, he was still in close contact with many of his high school classmates, college friends, and attorneys he worked with during his career.

Mac met the love of his life, Janice Callahan, on a blind date, while stationed at Fort Jackson. They married in Columbia, SC on July 11, 1959, and recently celebrated 63 years of marriage. They have one daughter, Laura, whose husband Patrick was like a son to Mac. Mac took special pride in his two granddaughters, Molly and Lucy, who had the great fortune of growing up in the same town as their grandparents, and who saw him with extreme

frequency.

He was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather who enjoyed discussing family genealogy, and when prompted could quote world and local history. He particularly loved the military, Civil War, and World War II history. He was a staunch Conservative and a lifetime member of the NRA. He was a collector of many things, and enjoyed collecting military memorabilia, stamps, coins, and books. He had a brilliant mind for investments and enjoyed investing and following the stock market up until his passing.

Mac was an avid reader for most of his life, and when his eyesight began to fail, he promptly switched to audiobooks. He was active locally, serving on the Board for the Georgetown County Museum and Historical Society. He also volunteered at Hobcaw Barony as a docent for many years. Always seeking knowledge, he became certified as a "Master South Carolina Naturalist" shortly after moving to the Lowcountry, as he became fascinated with the Lowcountry flora and fauna.

Mac held many jobs in his lifetime, working as a City of Atlanta Policeman while attending Law School to support his family. He worked for Royal Insurance Company for more than 40 years rising the ranks to retire as a Senior Litigation Specialist, a job which required many trips throughout the United States and Puerto Rico to attend trials and mediations where the settlement value exceeded \$500,000. He was known as a jovial, intelligent, quick witted, skilled negotiator, and loved to share stories of his adventures. His daughter treasured the many trips to south Florida, where they ate at family-run Cuban restaurants, and went deep sea fishing on charters.

When his father died, he took over the family farm and ran operations for 15 years, traveling back and forth from Atlanta to West Point to tend to the many cows his family had owned, before selling them shortly thereafter due to care limitations. Upon retiring, however, he became a full-time farmer on his family farm, built a compound and stayed there 4-5 days a week, mostly growing hay and tending timber, but occasionally dabbling in edible crops. He enjoyed his solitude at the "farm" and bought several farm and construction "toys",

constructing roads and bridging streams there.

Mac was a loving husband, father and grandfather who will be sorely missed. He leaves behind his wife of 63 years, Jan, a daughter, Laura Tate, son in law Patrick Tate, and two granddaughters, Molly and Lucy Tate, all of Pawleys Island. His beloved dogs, Birdy and Sassy, (his “babies”), also mourn his passing.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 PM Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV **22**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Precious Blood of Christ  
1633 Waverly Rd  
Pawleys Island, SC 29585  
(843) 237-3428

# Tribute Wall

JL

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*Jane Myhand Lonas*

*31 minutes ago*

*You know as we age, we get more interested in our roots and those still left on earth in our families. Mac, fondly known as Buddy in our family, was my Mama's first cousin, 8 years her junior. My grandparents on the Borders' side, were his Aunt Janie and Uncle Lee Borders. He only leaves two first cousins behind, my Aunt Kara Kathleen Borders Moss and Bobby Birdsong.*

*Sadly, I noticed that he had stopped replying to the random texting that we had begun while I asked him about the genealogy of the family, that he well remembered. It wasn't until I began to get no answer on his phone that I reached out to Janice, after I got the correct number. We had a lovely conversation and she shared the struggles of his last days. Yet she emphasized several times that he never complained and was so thankful to be able to be at home all his last days on earth. I was calling to tell him that we were really finally coming to see them in Pawley's Island and enjoy a visit. My heart was so sad to have missed him, but we still hope to visit Janice and Laura and family. I do hope he knew and trusted our Lord Jesus and is there in heaven with Him, truly at peace. He would be surrounded by so many from our family too.*

*After reading his life story, I thought how I should have followed my heart sooner to go and rekindle our small relationship and I think we would have hit it off really well. His wit, love of the farm, and naturalist endeavors I can relate to most. Like his mother, my great Aunt Ira, I enjoy sewing and creating with my hands. I remember going to her and Uncle Mac's house many times as a little girl and walking amongst the flower beds in her lovely yard. That too I cherish inheritance of growing green things, gardening and fruit trees.*

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*sit by still waters one day and have some of those longed for conversations, Cousin Buddy.*

*Jane Myhand Lonas*

*Deep Gap, NC*

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**Jane Myhand Lonas** - September 22, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ J.C. "Mac" McGinty Jr.

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March 06, 2023 at 06:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of J.C. "Mac" McGinty Jr..*



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November 22, 2022 at 04:02 PM



“ *George S. Mahon, Jr. purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of J.C. "Mac" McGinty Jr..*



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**George S. Mahon, Jr.** - November 21, 2022 at 09:14 AM



“ *Mac was one of those people you just loved to be around. His wit was unmatched and being around him was always a joy. I called him "Boss Man" for a reason...he knew way more than I'll ever learn. I send my love to "Boss Lady" Laura, Patrick, Molly and Lucy.*

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**Richard Camlin** - November 19, 2022 at 07:01 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of J.C. "Mac" McGinty Jr..*



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November 19, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mac's passing. He was a wonderfully grumpy, funny, witty, playfully sarcastic and charismatic man who I knew and loved since our Royal days together. And who I will miss dearly. My heart is broken right now with this news. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this very difficult time. I will miss you Clyde. 🌹❤️🌹❤️*

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**Sheri Critelli** - November 19, 2022 at 01:46 AM

JL

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**Jane Myhand Lonas** - September 22, 2023 at 10:58 AM

WI

“ Ms. Jan , Laura and family I’m so sorry to hear of Mr. Mac’s passing . I always enjoyed his fellowship and wisdom as we talked . I feel your pain as I lost my mom on the 15th also and we had a service for her today . May he rest in peace. William E. Gore iii ( Buddy).



William E. Gore iii - November 18, 2022 at 10:59 PM

JB

“ Jan you and your family are in my prayers.

Janet Barrineau - November 18, 2022 at 09:13 PM

TH

“ I remember when Mac and Jan moved into our neighborhood in Stone Mtn. Jan was pregnant with Laura, he was so proud when Laura was born . When Laura was just walking good all the kids had big wheels so Laura got the smaller version of the big wheel and she was fearless she went Fast and Mac was running to keep up with her and just laughing making sure she did not crash. A Great son, father , husband and wonderful neighbor and friend. God Rest his beautiful soul. Tricia and Pat Hansen

Tricia Hansen and Pat Hansen - November 18, 2022 at 08:59 PM

CM

I too remember the time we all moved into our Stone Mtn neighborhood! We had such a good time watching our children and Mac was always there watching his little girl! Mac also was a wonderful friend, he would help you with anything. One day I told Mac there is something blinking at me in my fireplace. Here comes Mac with a large leather glove and presented me with a beautiful Owl! My family has nothing but wonderful memories! Rest in peace, my friend!! Sending love to Jan, Laura, and family!!

Chris Marco - November 20, 2022 at 11:20 AM

HB

*My thoughts are with you during this difficult period. Our families have enjoyed each other for a long time. Take care of yourself and remember that time heals.*

**Homer Borders** - November 21, 2022 at 09:09 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of J.C. "Mac" McGinty Jr..*



November 18, 2022 at 03:32 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of J.C. "Mac" McGinty Jr..*



November 18, 2022 at 11:56 AM

SC

“ *Mac was always jovial and had a wicked wit. I always enjoyed seeing him riding Birdy and Sassy around the neighborhood on his golf cart. I will treasure the good memories of having Mac as a neighbor and our very educational polital conversations.*

**Sharon F. Corey** - November 18, 2022 at 11:00 AM