



## L. Rollison "Mac" McGinnis

February 20, 1920 - July 14, 2009

L. Rollison "Mac" McGinnis of Chestertown, MD died on Tuesday July 14, 2009 at Chester River Hospital Center. He was 89.

Born on February 20, 1920 in Ogden, PA and raised in Queen Anne's County he was the son of the late William Robert and Reba (Baxter) McGinnis. He graduated from Chestertown High School class of 1936. At seventeen he enlisted into the Maryland National Guard as a Combat Medic. On January 1, 1941 his unit, the 115th Infantry of the 29th Division was called into active duty for World War II. On February 3, 1941 they trained in the United States and England before storming Omaha Beach at Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He was honorably discharged on June 18th, 1945 and was awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Mr. McGinnis married Mary Ellen Chance on December 31, 1940, and they resided in Chestertown, MD where he worked with the Kent County Health Department as the Director of Environmental Health, retiring in 1980 after 33 years of service. Upon retirement, he worked as an agent with Cooper Barroll Realty. Mr. McGinnis and his brother, Paul, owned and operated Chestertown Fire Equipment for 20 years. He was a life member of the Frank M. Jarman American Legion Post # 36, where he served as Post Commander and Service Officer. He was also a member of Post # 85 29th Division Association, the Salem United Methodist Church in Fairlee and a past member of the VFW. He was also a member of 40 & 8, which included only a select few members of the American Legion. Mr. McGinnis was very

proud of his service to his country. He was a man who liked people and public service. Mr. McGinnis enjoyed traveling and spending time with his family.

He was predeceased by his loving wife of 65 years, Mary Ellen; a son Lawrence Rollison McGinnis and a brother Paul Baxter McGinnis.

He is survived by a son Francis Lee McGinnis and his wife Susan of Chestertown, MD; two daughters, Nancy Ellen Toy and her husband Francis of Chestertown, MD and Mary Carlyn White and her husband William of Millington, MD; four brothers, Samuel McGinnis of California, Roy McGinnis of California, William McGinnis of New Jersey, and Willard McGinnis of Virginia; three sisters, Joanna Rash of Chestertown, MD, Eudora Fischer of Easton, MD and Rachel Pinder of St. Michaels, MD; five grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Services will be held on Friday July 17, 2009 at 11:00 AM at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home. A visitation will be held on Thursday July 16, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Interment will be in Chester Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Rd. Chestertown, MD 21620. [www.fhnfuneralhome.com](http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ L. Rollison "Mac" McGinnis

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ L. Rollison "Mac" McGinnis

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ L. Rollison "Mac" McGinnis

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ To the MCGinnis Family,  
Sorry to hear of your loss of your dad. I read in his obituary that he participated in the landing on Omaha Beach at Normandy. I just visited Omaha Beach this past February and could not what imagine what it was like. I'm sure many of the wounded were saved by medics like your dad. He will always be part of that great generation that now serves in heaven.  
Those who have passed never die as long as those who they loved never forget them.  
Your Annapolis Cousin  
Glenn F. Sappington##imported-begin##Glenn F. Sappington##imported-end##

July 20, 2009 at 07:44 AM



“*Mary and family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of your dad. He surely served our Country well and will be missed in the community. We know you have many memories that will be cherished in your hearts forever. Our sympathy is with you and your family at this time. God Bless. Lynda and Gene Palmatary*###imported-begin###Lynda Palmatary###imported-end##

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July 16, 2009 at 08:09 AM



“*Dear Mary and Family- so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. You must be very proud of his service to both country and community. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and this difficult time.*###imported-begin###John & Billie Carroll###imported-end##

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July 16, 2009 at 06:39 AM



“*My parents, Tom and Laurretta Rhodes, lived in Queenstown for years and years. Two years ago, they both entered Corsica Hills, and my dad passed away in Sept, 2008. Growing up I am sure I remembered them mentioning Mac McGinnis. My dad was in the 29th Division, was on Omaha Beach in D-Day, received a bronze star and a Purple Heart. I don't know you all personally but wanted to express sympathy to you for your loss. We are truly going to miss the "greatest generation"--they were our parents but even more they were the backbone of our nation in the 20th Century. I am sorry about your dad.*

*Peggy Rhodes Stanley*

*Dobson, NC*###imported-begin###Peggy Rhodes Stanley###imported-end##

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July 15, 2009 at 10:21 PM



“ Lee So sorry to hear about your dad ;I enjoyed going to their house for yard sales ; My sorryis with you it is hard to lose a dad or mom ; I;m thinking about you and will pray for you.##imported-begin##Rose Perry##imported-end##

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July 15, 2009 at 06:58 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Rol, he has been a neighbor of mine for many many years in Foxley Manor. Will miss him.##imported-begin##Joyce Benton##imported-end##

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July 15, 2009 at 11:28 AM



“ May God continue to Bless your family. I'm so grateful for being able to meet your Father and grateful for the example he set for honoring God and Country.  
Love your personal Harpist, Renee Carter##imported-begin##Renee Carter##imported-end##

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July 15, 2009 at 10:44 AM



“ Nancy, Mary, Lee and Family our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God comfort you in this time of loss and pain. I cherish the memories of your parents yard saleing together, running their table over at Spence's Bazaar and of the visits I had with your Dad. May God comfort you. Jack & Anne Bigelow##imported-begin##Jack Bigelow##imported-end##

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July 14, 2009 at 09:56 PM



“ *Mary, Bill & family. My thoughts & prayers go to you & your family, I will always remember your mom & dad from school and seeing them other times, they were wonderful people. I am sure you have many wonderful memories. With Sincere Sympathy  
Dorothy###imported-begin##Dorothy States LaPlaca##imported-end##*

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July 14, 2009 at 07:26 PM