



Rose Antionette McGinnis

June 26, 1934 - August 24, 2019

Rose Antoinette Genevieve (Scicchitano) McGinnis

It is with great sorrow we announce that Rose Antoinette (Scicchitano) McGinnis passed away on August 24, 2019 at the age of 85.

Rose was born June 26, 1934, the daughter of Dr. Romualdo and Lillian (nee Menapace) Scicchitano, in Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania. A first generation Italian-American, she spent a happy childhood with her older brother Leon and her large, close family of grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. As a teen, Rose attended Penn Hall Preparatory School, graduating at 16 in 1951. She then joined her brother Leon at Bucknell University, earning a B.S. in Biology in 1955. Rose was an active member of several academic and social organizations including Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, serving as president her senior year. It was at Bucknell that Rose first met her future husband, Edward (Bud) McGinnis, Jr. Rose then attended Penn State University, where she earned a Master of Education degree in 1956.

For the next few years Rose began her life-long profession, teaching at Mechanicsburg High School in Pennsylvania. During this time, she was reintroduced to Bud McGinnis, who wisely convinced her to marry him in 1958. Rose and Bud shared a truly loving, fun and respectful partnership during their 32 years together. They were a remarkable couple, raising their nine children in a home full of laughter, learning, and love. They loved entertaining. Rose was an exceptional cook and baker, much to the delight of family and friends. The McGinnis home was open to all, and was always filled with several “surrogate” sons and daughters. Rose had many remarkable gifts which she generously shared. She was incredibly intelligent, had great common sense, and always kept a cool, calm head when the inevitable mishap or medical emergency would occur when you raise such a large, active family.

In the early 1960s Rose and Bud were among the core group who helped in establishing Corpus Christi Parish in Willingboro, NJ. Supporting the parish would become Rose’s avocation, and she was an active member and volunteer. For more than 20 of those years she taught seventh and eighth grade at Corpus Christi School (now St. John Paul II), guiding her students through many of life’s lessons as well as Science and Social Studies. Rose continued to be a force for good after her retirement, contributing her time

to countless senior citizen fundraisers and events. She was an active volunteer with the St. Vincent DePaul Society, and donated much of her time and resources to several food banks and soup kitchens in Philadelphia and South Jersey.

Tragically Rose lost her husband Bud in 1990, and would reluctantly take on the role of “matriarch” of the McGinnis clan for the next 30 years. She was up for the task, guiding her children through their early adult years and welcoming her sons’ and daughters’ spouses as her own. She was an enthusiastic and loving “Grammy”, and provided much needed wisdom and practical help during her grandchildren’s early years.

Rose was always curious and loved to learn, whether it be history (especially the US Civil War), geography, and all things social studies. She was extremely fond of travel, starting in childhood with adventures to the Pacific Northwest with her family, followed by a ‘Grand Tour’ of Europe after college, romantic getaways with her husband to Bermuda and Ireland, trips across the US to see her grandchildren, and a series of late-in-life escapades in Italy and Nova Scotia with friends.

A few of Rose’s favorite things: dancing with her beloved husband, Bud; relaxing by a pool on a hot summer day with her close friends; kind hearts and good manners; holding a grandchild for the first time; hosting large family gatherings at the ‘Big House’; the taste of a ripe Jersey tomato; a good salty joke; classic movies; traveling to new places; baking with her daughters; history books; and being part of a vibrant senior community. Although far from perfect, Rose led an exemplary life, always putting others needs before her own, showing kindness and consideration to all she met, and most importantly, never wavering in her love for and faith in Jesus Christ.

Rose is survived by her nine children, who feel truly blessed to have had such an extraordinary and loving mother: Michael (Gayla) McGinnis, Timothy (Rosemary) McGinnis, Anne (Jay) Tingle, Bernadette (John) Schad, Kevin (Karen) McGinnis, Colleen (Edwin) Ferren, Brian (Shannon) McGinnis, Matthew (Peggy) McGinnis and Megan McGinnis. Her 22 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren will hold dear the memories of the best Sweet & Spicy Grammy ever!

Viewing/Mass: Visitation will be held at Corpus Christi Church, 11 South Sunset Road, Willingboro, NJ on Thursday, August 29th, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. followed by a celebratory Mass at 11 a.m.

Burial will be private.

If so desired, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent DePaul c/o Corpus Christi Church 63 Sylvan Drive Willingboro, NJ 08046

To share your memories of Rose, please visit www.givnish.com

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

AUG **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Corpus Christi RC Church
11 South Sunset Road
Willingboro, NJ 08046

Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *Givnish Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rose Antionette McGinnis*



Givnish Funeral Home - August 27, 2019 at 05:56 PM



“ *Rose Antionette McGinnis*

September 09, 2022 at 01:27 AM



“ *Mrs. McGinnis was a wonderful teacher. She taught all three of my children and was influential in their success in life. My children remember her fondly as a loving person who cared enough about her students to treat them as respected individuals. I will always be grateful for her presence in our lives.*

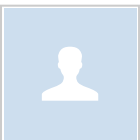
Gloria Butt - August 31, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ *North Anna Power Station -Licensing & EP Dept. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Rose Antionette McGinnis.*



North Anna Power Station -Licensing & EP Dept. - August 28, 2019 at 02:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rose Antionette McGinnis.*



August 28, 2019 at 01:26 PM

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“ *Basinger Leggett Clemons Shore Crandall PLLC purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Rose Antionette McGinnis.*



Basinger Leggett Clemons Shore Crandall PLLC - August 28, 2019 at 08:52 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rose Antionette McGinnis.*



August 28, 2019 at 07:30 AM



“ *Mrs McGinnis was one of my 8th grade teachers at Corpus Christi school. She loved us kids and always made the class room a lively place. Her dedication to our class helped build the foundation of the knowledge I have and still use to this day. I was blessed to have such a strong woman to guide and push me to succeed. May God's angels carry you to eternal bliss and may the rest of cherish the gift of having such a rare soul touch our lives.*

Love always Stephanie Horton

Stephanie Horton - August 27, 2019 at 08:14 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rose Antionette McGinnis.*



August 27, 2019 at 06:09 PM



“ 189 files added to the album Life Tributes



Givnish Funeral Home - August 27, 2019 at 05:52 PM

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“ I remember Rose was always so pleasant and kind. I lived down the street from her on Warren Street. EP Megan use to come over and play with my children Coleen and JJ. I'm sooo sorry for your loss love Carol Sozio (Jenkins)

Carol Sozio Jekins Foulks - August 27, 2019 at 04:54 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Rose Antionette McGinnis.



August 27, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rose Antionette McGinnis.



August 27, 2019 at 08:41 AM



“ Mrs. Mcginnis was definitely a memorable teacher to say the least. Not just an academic teacher, but a teacher of life, love, and humor. I remember her calling cash registers "idiot boxes" for people who can't do simple math lol! She was an all the way around remarkable woman and a fun spirit who touched the lives of countless people. Although she'll be gravely missed her legacy will surely stick around for a long, long time to come. I wish her family and close friends peace in knowing she went with so much grace and that she'll always live on in the hearts of an immeasurable number of people.

Jennifer Vera - August 27, 2019 at 03:17 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rose Antionette McGinnis.



August 26, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ Rose was a very special part of Corous Christi faculty ! I truly loved working with her and always enjoyed her at the parties at our house ! Her sense of wit and humor were top notch . I remember , "Whatever peels your banana" ! Her ability to just go with the flow was amazing! My children loved her as a teacher and my family was blessed to have her as friend ! Thank you for all you gave to so many people , Rose, you will be missed but I know you are happy to be with Bud again ! Love , Dennis & MaryAnn Carroll & Family

Mary Ann Carroll - August 26, 2019 at 08:31 PM



“ Our prayers and best wishes go out to the family. You were one of our children's favorite teachers.
Bob & Connie, Robert, Laura, Kathleen and Michelle Styger.

Connie Styger - August 26, 2019 at 08:00 PM



“ I enjoyed going to the St Francis Soup Kitchen with Rose. She was one of mo son ? Rob Furth's favorite teachers at Corpus Christie School . May she rest in eternal peace ‘

Fran Furth - August 26, 2019 at 07:34 PM

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“ *The Mahoney Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rose Antionette McGinnis.*



The Mahoney Family - August 26, 2019 at 06:06 PM