



Charles P. "Chuck" McGinty Jr.

August 3, 1949 - November 22, 2024

Charles "Chuck" P. McGinty Jr., 75, of Cape Girardeau died Friday, November 22, 2024 at home with his family by his side.

He was born August 3, 1949 to Charles P. and Martha Lou Foster McGinty.

When Chuck moved to Cape Girardeau in the first grade he attended Franklin Elementary. He became the head of the School Boy Patrol where he led kids safely across the street. He loved being part of something and being in charge.

He also loved scouting - Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Order of the Arrow. The highlight of his scouting career was a trip to Philmont Scout Ranch where he excelled and loved every bit of it!

Chuck also played taps at the American Legion funerals during that time in his young life.

His love of music began at school playing with band instruments. At the age of 13 he got his first job at Shivelbines sweeping the floors. Being around all of the guitars and brass instruments furthered his interest in making music. After a while he managed to acquire his first guitar.

While in high school Chuck sang in the choir, acted in plays, and helped to develop Teen Town. The music scene in the sixties ignited a passion for performing in, and starting up, new bands. He always wanted to go to the parties but couldn't dance so he decided to play the dance music instead.

After completing high school in 1967 he attended SEMO and joined Sigma Chi fraternity. He continued to follow his passion for music by playing in several bands which became popular throughout the area. Chuck graduated with a bachelor's degree in education and a masters degree in art.

Soon after graduation he worked in the retail industry as a jewelry department manager at Lowells Catalog Showroom where the jewelry business sparked a new interest. At this time in his life, he and Laura Ann Leming began dating and married in September of 1979. They had two beautiful sons Charles and Samuel.

As a couple Chuck and Laura created CP McGinty Jewelers, Finney Giggles Gift Shop, were a franchisee for Dumplins' Restaurant and McGinty Jewelers on the plaza in St. Louis.

Chuck was an incredible jewelry designer creating thousands of beautiful pieces throughout his career. He always said, "it wasn't me who made this beautiful piece, but the Holy Spirit led my efforts."

His faith in the Lord blossomed in mid-life as a result of reading and studying scripture, church attendance, and encouragement from Laura. For several years Chuck has led a mens Bible study...a group he has come to know and love as his brothers in Christ. His attitude about life changed dramatically after finding real faith in Jesus.

Chuck was a man of many talents and interests. He loved camping, fishing,

archery, shooting, oil painting, jewelry designing, playing music, collecting, making bread, studying the Bible, and his love for learning continued throughout life.

His legacy lives on through the songs he sang, the music he played, the jewelry he designed, the people he taught, and his family that he loved so much.

Chuck leaves behind his much loved wife, Laura A. McGinty; two sons, Charles P. (Jessica) McGinty III and Samuel L. (Katie) McGinty; four siblings, Rebecca (Roger) Mocherman, Jane Courter, Dr. Frank H. (Bipi) McGinty and Margaret (Ted) Yates; five grandchildren, Warren and Norah McGinty and Bijou, Faith, and Grace McGinty, as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be 3:00-5:00 pm on Saturday, November 30, 2024 at Lynwood Baptist Church, 2935 Lynwood Hills Drive, Cape Girardeau.

Memorial Service to follow at 5:00 pm on Saturday, November 30, 2024 at Lynwood Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau with the Revs. Mark Anderson and Fred Burgard officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to

Lynwood Church "Footprints" School
2935 Lynwood Hills Drive
Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701

Prodigy Leadership Academy

232 Sierra Ridge Road
Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701

Restoration Outreach Church
% Pastors Sam & Yvonne Bailey
3909 Annwood Drive
Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701

Previous Events

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ *Laura and family,*

I remember when Chuck started his business in the strip mall area of William Street. My mother had given me the diamonds from her wedding ring for me to use in my wedding set. I went to Chuck and he designed my engagement and wedding ring set. We were married on September 24, 1982. He redesigned my set about 15 years ago. I have always enjoyed speaking with Chuck and Laura throughout the years. Please accept my deepest condolences regarding your loss. May Chuck rest in peace!

With love,

Sue Winkler

Susan Winkler - December 13, 2024 at 12:30 PM

TT

“ *I just read the obituary and deeply regret I didn't know about this last Sunday to attend the services! Chuck was a great man with a smiling face and kind words! He will be missed by many. Laura and family may God grant you peace and comfort in knowing you will be together again in heaven! Praying for all!*



Tina Tidwell - December 05, 2024 at 02:23 PM

JC

“ I grew up on North Park down the street from the McGinty family. They were such a close, wonderful family. I have many fond memories of playing with the McGinty children. I am so sorry for your loss!

Judith Prather Coffman

judith Prather Coffman - December 01, 2024 at 03:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles P. "Chuck" McGinty Jr..

November 29, 2024 at 12:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles P. "Chuck" McGinty Jr..



November 29, 2024 at 12:06 PM

DK

“ I've known Chuck since we were toddlers in Sunday school together. He's always been very special. My condolences to Laura, Charles and Sam and all the grandkids. May you be comforted and take hope in the knowledge of the reunion we will all have.

Donna Davis Komorech - November 28, 2024 at 09:10 PM

EP

“ My heartfelt condolences to Laura and the entire McGinty family. One of my favorite memories from high school was going to Teen Town.
Rest in Peace, Chuck. May the McGinty family find comfort.
Ruth Ellen Neihart Parker

Ellen Parker - November 28, 2024 at 08:33 AM

PC

“ Throughout the last 30 years I knew him, Chuck always had a smile and a kind word to say. My heart goes out to Laura and Charles and the rest of the family. - Paula and Mark Carnell

Paula L Carnell - November 27, 2024 at 05:22 PM

CR

“ I am deeply saddened of his passing. I met him many years ago & I absolutely adored him & Laura. To me he was larger than life. He will be missed. Much love & prayers for all.

Cori Reid - November 27, 2024 at 04:05 PM

RK

“ Sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. I had many art courses with him at SEMO. At one point I thought he would become a medical illustrator, but designing jewelry was his passion.
Ron Koehler, Cleveland, MS

Ronald G Koehler - November 27, 2024 at 07:19 AM

LS

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Chuck. I've known him since my High School days... back when he used to play at the Arena building in Cape over 50 years ago in a band called "The Group". It was an influential time in my life that provided confirmation to me that I was to make a career in music...which I did and still play today, although I'm mostly retired now except for my weekly show. Later, when I reconnected with him, he made me and my wife's wedding rings. Blessings to him and his entire family. Rock on Chuck.

Larry Seyer - November 27, 2024 at 01:01 AM

CL

“ My heart is saddened with the passing of one of my favorite friends. I will miss his beautiful smile and warm hugs. I'm sure his family is heartbroken. For Laura, Charles, and Sam, I pray for God to bless and heal you, and to give you peace.

Carol McManaman Lawson - November 26, 2024 at 10:07 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles P. "Chuck" McGinty Jr..



November 26, 2024 at 09:21 AM

AN

“ While I did not know Chuck or the McGinty family personally, I am a customer of the jewelry store. My husband proposed to me with a gorgeous McGinty ring. Knowing the rings were designed through faith & hope in the Lord makes it all the more special. Even as a customer, I will remember his legacy.

anonymous - November 26, 2024 at 08:26 AM



Was Chuck grandson of Dr. Charles McGinty, Minister of First Baptist Church in the 40's, our dear pastor?

Deanna Zadick - November 26, 2024 at 12:42 PM

LS

“ Laura, Charles and Sam Im so very sorry to hear of the loss of Chuck. What a great man!! So many great memories and conversations. Chuck designed and made my wedding ring that I treasure. His infectious smile is forever in my heart. Prayers sent for peace and comfort. 🙌🙌❤️🙏🙏🙏
Sincerely
Lisa Sparkman

Lisa Sparkman - November 26, 2024 at 02:25 AM

LP

“ Laura and family, I am so sorry to hear about Chuck. You two have always been some of my favorite customers at Schnucks, I will miss his smile and humor . Prayers for all 🙏



Laurie Powers - November 25, 2024 at 09:44 PM



“ *Suzi Finney (Nesler) purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Charles P. "Chuck" McGinty Jr..*



Suzi Finney (Nesler) - November 25, 2024 at 07:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles P. "Chuck" McGinty Jr..*



November 25, 2024 at 04:15 PM