



## Michael McKinnis

September 18, 1950 - March 14, 2018

Michael "Sandog" S. McKinnis, 67, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at Saint Francis Medical Center.

He was born September 18, 1950 in Cape Girardeau to William and Geneva Hartle McKinnis.

He and Linda Yount were married September 15, 1979 at Cape Girardeau.

He served in the Army and was one of the Elite 82nd Airborne in the Special Arms Division 17th CAV and received the national defense service metal and parachute badge.

He was very devoted to serving the Cape Girardeau community. He was the SEMO Redhawks Booster President for four years and served on the board for six years, Salvation Army board member and past Santa Claus, past Kiwanis Club member and was honored by the Golden Knights with a honorary baton.

He was a loyal member of LaCroix United Methodist Church. He walked by faith and loved the Lord.

He had a passion for football, baseball and Indy car racing. However, he lived

his life for his family and they were the center of his world.

Survivors include his loving wife, Linda McKinnis of Cape Girardeau; one son, Dustin McKinnis of Cape Girardeau; mother, Geneva McKinnis of Cape Girardeau; and one sister, Patricia (Rocky) Prasse of St. Louis, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, March 16, 2018 at LaCroix United Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 am Saturday, March 17, 2018 at LaCroix United Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau with the Rev. Mark Anderson officiating.

Burial will be at Cape County Memorial Park in Cape Girardeau, with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the family for funeral expenses.

# Cemetery Details

## Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1909  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

LaCroix United Methodist Church  
3102 Lexington  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Service

MAR 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

LaCroix United Methodist Church  
3102 Lexington  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

AT

“ *Anna-Maria Tsikhlakis-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Michael McKinnis*



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**Anna-Maria Tsikhlakis-Johnson** - March 22, 2018 at 10:57 PM

AT

“ *To the family of Mike Mckinnis ( Linda and Dustin) first and foremost please accept my deepest heartfelt sympathies and condolences for the loss of Mike. I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing. I remember when I started at the gym - six years ago. Mike was the first person I talked to. I saw him every time I went to the gym. Mike was always happy, pleasant, and a wonderful human being. I could be in a bad mood, then I'd walk in the gym say hi to Mike and chit chat then automatically be put in a good mood. He was always helpful and kind. I was always impressed with no matter how busy he was he'd find time to say hello to everyone while multi tasking with other members and getting his work done. I was sick last week and today was my first day back at the gym. It was sad but I'm glad they have all the articles up about Mike, I learned he was also modest. Not only kind but an accomplished human being. He will be missed by everyone in this community. May his memory be eternal!*

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**Anna-Maria Tsikhlakis-Johnson** - March 22, 2018 at 10:55 PM

LS

“ I wanted to send by deepest condolences to Linda and Dustin. I worked with Mike for years at Ford Groves and he was always so nice and considerate. Working with him was a pleasure and always led to lots of smiles. He will truly be missed.

*Laura Shell*

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**Laura Shell** - March 22, 2018 at 05:21 PM

LP

“ I'm so sorry for your lost .. Mike was a good man . he help so many .. sure will be missed at Fitness Plus.. Prayers ❤️🌻❤️



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**Lorene Pettitt** - March 22, 2018 at 04:53 PM

JM

“ Linda and Dustin so sorry for your loss and the lost to all of us who thought the world of mike. All of semo has lost a wonderful friend

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**jack mcdonald** - March 18, 2018 at 07:38 PM



“ Linda I do not know your husband, but I'm sending prayers for all your family!!!! Patricia L. Silman

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**Patricia L Silman** - March 17, 2018 at 10:52 PM

PH

“ We are sending our deepest sympathy, along with prayers for your family. Bill and Pat Heckert of Atlanta

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**Pat Heckert** - March 17, 2018 at 05:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael McKinnis.*



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March 17, 2018 at 10:10 AM



“ *Prayers for Your family! Love to Geneva too! Will miss his beautiful smile....God Bless all of you!🌷 From Bernie, Percy Huston & Family.*

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**Bernie Huston** - March 17, 2018 at 09:58 AM



“ *Barb and I are sorry for your loss ,knowing Sandog many years he being a person of fun joy*

*Sonny and Barb Minor  
Homestead Fla*

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**sonny** - March 17, 2018 at 08:46 AM



*All I can say is, I'll miss the "Dog". I'll see him later.*

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**Rock Finch** - March 17, 2018 at 10:35 AM



“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers from Cape ENT Group physicians and staff, Health & Wellness, 4th floor.*

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**Curt Coonce, Adam Morgan, Marc Sachs and** - March 17, 2018 at 02:59 AM

ME

“ Linda, I send you and your family love and prayers. Please know you are in our hearts.

Marylene Elliott - March 16, 2018 at 07:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael McKinnis.



March 16, 2018 at 03:09 PM

KC

“ Linda I am sorry for your loss. You and Dustin are in my prayers.

Kim Crowden

Kim Crowden - March 16, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael McKinnis.



March 16, 2018 at 10:56 AM

RP

“ *My condolences to the McKinnis family.  
Mike was a good friend to my brothers, Greg and Frank. He was  
always nice to me.  
Praying for your comfort.  
Ruth Ellen Neihart Parker*

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**Ruth Ellen Neihart Parker** - March 16, 2018 at 10:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Michael McKinnis.*



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March 16, 2018 at 09:51 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the  
family of Michael McKinnis.*



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March 16, 2018 at 08:52 AM

BL

“ *Sending love and prayers your way, sorry I cant be there! Love you  
all, Betty Hester*

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**Beverly Lorenz** - March 16, 2018 at 07:18 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael McKinnis.*



March 15, 2018 at 11:43 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael McKinnis.*



March 15, 2018 at 11:30 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Even though Mike is in a better place, the pain of his loss is real. May God send you a sign that Mike is okay and may peace be in your hearts. Know you are in our prayers.*

*The Leahy family,  
Larry, Sherlyn, Lori Don and Kim*



**Leahy family** - March 15, 2018 at 10:18 PM



*So sorry for your loss. Many fond memories of cousins when we were young. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers as you walk through this time of sadness. We love you all and wish we could be there! Love Bob and Susie Maurer*

**Susie Maurer** - March 16, 2018 at 03:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Michael McKinnis.



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March 15, 2018 at 10:08 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Michael McKinnis.



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March 15, 2018 at 08:50 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Michael McKinnis.



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March 15, 2018 at 08:03 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Michael McKinnis.



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March 15, 2018 at 07:52 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael McKinnis.*



March 15, 2018 at 07:52 PM



“ *Jenna & Elaine Beussink purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Michael McKinnis.*



**Jenna & Elaine Beussink** - March 15, 2018 at 07:42 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Michael McKinnis.*



March 15, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael McKinnis.*



March 15, 2018 at 07:23 PM

JM

“ *John and Leslie Mumford purchased the Sweet T  
enderness for the family of Michael McKinnis.*



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**John and Leslie Mumford** - March 15, 2018 at 05:46 PM