



## Donald McGinnis

February 8, 1934 - February 27, 2025

Donald E. McGinnis, 91, of Cedar Falls, died Thursday, February 27, 2025, at the Western Home Communities-The Suites.

He was born February 8, 1934, in Algona, Iowa, the son of Cecil and Mabel (DeGraw) McGinnis. On December 2, 1955, he was united in marriage to Louise Anne Thoms. Don served in the United States Army from 1955-1958. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Studies Education from the University of Northern Iowa and his Master of Education degree in Counseling from the University of Illinois. He taught in the Rockwell-Swaledale Community School District, the Fulton Illinois School District, and the Waterloo Community School District, serving as Guidance Counselor at Waterloo East and Central High Schools. He retired in 1993 after 37 years in education. Don was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed summers at their lakeside cabin on Lower Bottle Lake near Park Rapids, MN.

Don is survived by his wife, Louise, of Cedar Falls; four sons, Daniel (Jan), Michael (Eileen), Steven (Cindy) and Randal (Beth) McGinnis; ten grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his in-laws, Dr. A.N. and Frances M. (Schultze) Thoms.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 7, 2025, at the Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. A graveside service will be held at

11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 8, 2025, at the Riverview Cemetery in Algona, IA.

Memorial donations may be made in Don's name to a charity of the donor's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverview Cemetery

Algona, IA

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

MAR 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service  
615 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-3525  
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com  
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

## Graveside Service

MAR 8. 11:30 AM.

Riverview Cemetery  
Algona, IA

# Tribute Wall

YF

“ *Your Flood and Peterson Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Donald McGinnis.*



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**Your Flood and Peterson Family** - March 07, 2025 at 12:26 PM

JC

“ *It is my pleasure to remember Don McGinnis as a family man, and co worker he spoke loving of his wife Louise his children and grand children. He was a great mentor & colleague for me as a counselor at Central High School & East High School; and set excellent examples for the students at both high schools. He taught us all living life to the fullest; and that is exactly what Don did; He loved life!! He was always honest, open, & willing to try new methods to meet student, school & community needs. It was a pleasure to have known the McGinnis family and to have been his colleague..*

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**joyce Cook** - March 06, 2025 at 01:59 PM

BS

“ *Bob Thoms -Carol - Gary Scott purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Donald McGinnis.*



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**Bob Thoms -Carol - Gary Scott** - March 06, 2025 at 12:08 PM

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“ Bob Thoms -Carol - Gary Scott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald McGinnis.

Bob Thoms -Carol - Gary Scott - March 06, 2025 at 12:08 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald McGinnis.



March 05, 2025 at 12:33 PM

KB

“ I worked with Don for a number of years. He cared about the young people assigned to him.He was one of a small number of school counselors who worked with students using common sense as a guide.

Keith bock - March 05, 2025 at 05:49 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald McGinnis.



March 04, 2025 at 01:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald McGinnis.

March 04, 2025 at 01:58 PM



“ From the family of Dan and Jan McGinnis purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald McGinnis.



From the family of Dan and Jan McGinnis - March 04, 2025 at 09:47 AM



“ From the family of Dan and Jan McGinnis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald McGinnis.

From the family of Dan and Jan McGinnis - March 04, 2025 at 09:47 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald McGinnis.



March 04, 2025 at 09:05 AM