



Stephen McGinnis

January 15, 1944 - January 8, 2026

Stephen Thomas McGinnis, 81, Topeka, Kansas, passed away peacefully Thursday, January 8, 2026.

Steve was born January 15, 1944, in Topeka to Thomas Patrick McGinnis, Jr. and Mary Loretta Rezac McGinnis. He attended Holy Name Grade School, graduated from Hayden High School in 1962 and attended Washburn University.

On January 20, 1968, Steve and Linda Marie Wutherich were married, enjoying just shy of 58 years together. They are members at Topeka Bible Church and the Koinonia Class there.

Steve served our country in the Army National Guard and was called to active duty in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive. He was a machinist initially for Santa Fe Railroad and retired in 2004 from Burlington Northern Santa Fe.

Steve leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Linda McGinnis; daughter, Erin McGinnis; son, Stephen Matthew McGinnis; and his siblings, Sr. Rita McGinnis, Greg McGinnis, Mary Jo Hobbs, John McGinnis and Ed McGinnis.

Funeral service for Steve will be Friday, January 16, at 11 a.m. at Topeka Bible Church. Steve's family encourages those attending to wear Hawaiian

shirts. Burial with military honors will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Topeka Bible Church, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

3616 SW 6th Street
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

Topeka Bible Church
1101 SW Mulvane Street
Topeka, Kansas 66601

Tribute Wall

DL

“ *Linda, I just learned of Steve's passing. I am so sorry. Both of you are just great people. I have nothing but fond memories of Steve. So sorry to you, Erin and your family. Prayers.*

Deb Lucia - February 01 at 01:54 PM

JA

“ *OK, you can speak your thing now. Just speak to the phone. Just speak to the phone. Yes I remember all of the wonderful memories we had when we would have the suppers together and we have them different places and I remember those get-togethers and I remember being able to talk politics with you and we agree so much on so many things. I just hope this thing works out with Trump. I'm wishing Linda the best rest in heavenly peace Jan send.*

Jan Allison - January 15 at 05:43 PM

HV

“ *Helen Vanetten purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Stephen McGinnis.*



Helen Vanetten - January 13 at 12:40 PM

JC

“ *Steve was the definition of a person dedicated to making this world a kinder safer place. Love and prayers to Linda and family.*

Jim Cates - January 12 at 08:30 AM

JT

“ Linda and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I know you all will miss Steve but rejoice with you that he is in heaven. Julie Thompson

Julie Thompson - January 11 at 09:26 PM

ER

“ We are so grateful to have met, worked with, prayed with and laughed with Steve. He was a man very familiar with kindness, faithfulness and good cheer. Character traits so similar to our Lord. We rejoice in the knowledge of Steve's eternal life but, we will miss him and the contribution that he made to our lives. Eric & Joan Rucker

Eric Rucker - January 11 at 11:07 AM

TL

“ Sorry to hear of Steve's passing. A good man who will be missed.

Tom Lewis - January 11 at 09:35 AM

DD

So many good memories of our Wednesday night gatherings. Remember eating Sheridans ice cream in the bank parking lot during covid? :) Steve, kind and gentle, and a joyful, faithful follower of Christ.

Debbie and Dennis - January 15 at 12:06 PM

PA

“ Steve was a quiet man with a Godly spirit. He will be greatly missed. Our deepest condolences go out to Linda and your entire family. Sincerely,
Patrick and Sharon Anderson

Patrick Anderson - January 11 at 12:55 AM

DS

“ A lovely man who portrayed the love of Christ in word and manner whenever we gathered at TBC, and in the Koinonia class. God, family and country. I recall his resolute patriotism to the country he loved and served with pride. The LORD bless and hold Linda, along with the entire McGinnis family.

Debra Senne - January 10 at 03:28 PM

MC

Steve was a wonderful, Christian man. So sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace. Prayers that God covers friends and family with strength and peace as they travel this journey.

Margo Chediak - January 10 at 05:26 PM

RS

God bless Steve, Linda and family, will miss a very kind and good man.

Rich Schiefelbein - January 10 at 11:32 PM

JR

very sorry to hear about Steve. comfort and prayers for Linda and family

Jane Robertson - January 11 at 01:10 AM

RW

Linda, so sorry to learn of Steve's passing. Prayers for you and Erin and all who loved him.

Ruth Watson - January 11 at 12:32 PM

KH

During the many years that I have known Steve, I always appreciated his positive attitude and warm greetings. We shared many long conversations about our mutual interests, and I learned so much from him. I will miss his quick smile and his friendly manner. My memory of his upbeat attitude will be with me for years to come.

Klio Hobbs

Klio Hobbs - January 14 at 08:14 PM

JE

Linda, so sorry to hear about Steve's passing. Prayers for you and your family and all who loved him.

Jim & Carol Ellis

Jim & Carol Ellis - January 15 at 08:22 PM