

Douglas H. McGinness

1925 - 2016



Douglas H. McGinness was born November 24, 1925, in Artois, California, youngest of four children of Byron Franklin and Carolina "Carrie" (Libecajt) McGinness. Doug grew up in the tiny Kansas town of Aulne, in Marion County, Kansas. With his parent's permission, Doug enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17. He served as a Petty Officer Third Class in the Air Corp as a radioman/gunner on a patrol bomber.

After his honorable discharge in 1946, he attended WSU and graduated in 1950 with a degree in Geology. He began his oil career as a Geologist with NCRA. He worked for various oil and gas companies and in 1971 Mr. McGinness formed his own independent consulting company, McGinness Oil Company. Son, Doug, geologist, joined Mr. McGinness in forming McGinness & McGinness in 1980.

Mr. McGinness' advice to young geologists is, "[You] Need good reservoir, proof of trap, presence of hydrocarbons AND access to a deep pocket to insure success."

Doug met Viola Grace Korn, his 'Vi' in December of 1949, at a dance. Both were impressive dancers, and the two fell head over heels in love and were married in Wichita on May 12, 1950. Vi and Doug raised three children, daughters, Kim and Brenda and son, Doug.

He was an avid Royals fan and he showed his WSU Shocker loyalty by wearing his Shocker cap and shirts. Later, he loved going to the Kansas and Oklahoma casinos, and could count cards, making him unbeatable in gin.

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