



## Joseph McNally, Sr

November 14, 1926 - March 4, 2016

Dr. Joseph Francis McNally, Sr was born November 14, 1926 in Scituate, Rhode Island.

In the early morning hours of March 4, in his own bed and with his family about him, the Patriarch of the McNally family was welcomed home.

Dr. McNally was the only child born to his parents, Joseph Patrick McNally and Margaret Dempsey McNally, both first generation Irish- Americans with little formal education. Thru their hard work and sacrifice, the American dream was realized in their son who graduated from LaSalle High School going on to Providence College and finally Georgetown Medical School achieving the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1952.

In 1947 he married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Grace Wolfenden, an only child herself.

In 1954, Dr. McNally joined the United States Air Force Medical Corps where he received training in Diagnostic Radiology and Radiation Therapy. At the same time, he discovered a lifelong love of flying, also training to be a Flight Surgeon.

He with his wife, Barbara, and with a steadily increasing number of children, were stationed first at Bryan Air Force Base in Texas, then at Fort Sam Houston/ Brooke Army Hospital, San Antonio, then overseas to Tachikawa Air Force Base, Japan from 1959-1962. They made many lifelong friends where ever they were stationed but always thought that Tachikawa had been the most rewarding. On returning to the U.S. Dr. McNally was stationed at

Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio where he was the Chief of Service. The next year he was discharged with honor from the Air Force having achieved the rank of Major.

In August of that year, he moved his family, now with 8 children, to Corsicana, Texas to go into private practice with Dr. Bernard Rosen. He and his wife bought a small ranch which they named Sweetbriar and there the McNally family flourished. It was there that Dr. McNally also discovered an interest in ranching, raising his prized Simmental cattle. Dr. McNally sometimes jokingly said that he raised two crops at Sweetbriar--good cattle and good kids.

Dr. McNally was a fervent believer in Faith, Family and Education--in that order. He was a devoted Roman Catholic and instilled in his family the importance of Faith as the Bedrock of life. He supported many worthwhile causes generously and quietly through out his life.

He practiced Radiology for many years in Corsicana, finally retiring at the age of 72. He always considered the care of the sick to be a sacred duty and felt honored to have been called to serve as a physician.

The light of his life, his beloved redheaded wife Barbara, preceded him in death September 15, 2011. His living legacy includes his 8 children: Dr. Joseph F. McNally, Jr and wife Sandy of Corsicana, Maureen Barto and husband Bernie of Corsicana, Dr. Rosemary McCoy and husband Dr. Medford McCoy of Dallas, Jayne McNally of Watauga, Elizabeth Scirto and husband Mark of Tyler, Mark McNally and wife Nancy of Palmyra, Pennsylvania, John McNally and wife Marlene of Houston and Robin Colvin and husband Joseph of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He also had 23 grandchildren of whom he was so proud and 31 great grandchildren, the newest addition born only four days before his death- a little redheaded baby girl.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

Visitation 6-7pm Thursday March 10 Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home

Corsicana Texas with the Holy Rosary to follow at 7pm there.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 am Friday, March 11, 2016 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Corsicana, Texas with Father Jason Cargo officiating.

Burial will follow at Calvary Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be sons and sons-in-laws, Joseph McNally Jr, Mark McNally, John McNally, Medford McCoy, Bernard Barto, Joseph Colvin and Mark Scirto.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to: James Collins Catholic School, Hope Center and or Mary Petersen Daycare Center.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Catholic Cemetery

2200 West 2ND Avenue  
Corsicana, TX 75110

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 874-4774  
info@griffin-roughton.com

## Rosary Service

MAR 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Corsicana, TX 75110  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
3000 West Highway 22  
Corsicana, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph McNally, Sr



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - March 07, 2016 at 12:43 PM

BC

*What a lovely tribute to a life well-lived!*

Brenda Caro - March 07, 2016 at 05:19 PM

AG

*Beautiful! Your dad was an amazing father ♡ Love & prayers ❤️*

Anna Odlozil Gunn - March 07, 2016 at 11:35 PM

SC

*What a beautiful life. Thank you for sharing. Your mom and dad were such an example to all of us. Such love, devotion, and faith.*

Susan Carpenter - March 08, 2016 at 07:41 AM

IR

*I did not know him personally, but he must have been a wonderful father, from all the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren that surrounded him in his life.*

Ilene Rushing - March 08, 2016 at 09:49 AM

PA

*What a beautiful video tribute to a man who was the example to so many of how we should live our lives. Dr McNally loved his sweet wife and family and I was blessed to have known him and always looked forward to conversations with him about life and love. I send my thoughts and prayers to my dear friend Rosemary and ALL the McNally family. Paula*

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**Paula Acosta** - March 08, 2016 at 03:15 PM

PJ

*Beautiful family & a beautiful tribute. Love and prayers to all of the family during this time.  
Paula Jordan*

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**Paula Jordan** - March 08, 2016 at 04:22 PM

DM

*Wishing God's peace to your hearts during these difficult days.  
Debbie Mikula Macik*

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**Debbie Mikula Macik** - March 09, 2016 at 08:45 AM

SM

*The video tribute is beautiful. I know that as time goes by, the family will be glad to look back on it for remembering the fine, elegant yet extremely thoughtful man he was. I know something about grieving at this time and know you will have to go through that process. Be aware that he has been through it and is now able to be with his loved one. He wrote me the most sweet comforting note after my wife, Nancy, passed away a few months ago and I treasure the thought that went into it. I believe it is one of my favorites.  
I pray that you will be comforted and lifted up in peace in the coming days and months.*

*Sonley Robert LeMay Jr. MD*

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**Sonley Robert LeMay Jr., MD** - March 10, 2016 at 04:10 PM

DP

*What a great man. He was a very good friend of many years. We had many a good visit talking about our cattle herds and what fun it was to have a ranch. We will miss him! Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*

Don and Jean Ann Paschal - March 10, 2016 at 05:34 PM



“ Joseph McNally, Sr

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM

JD

“ *I was blessed to have this man as my grandfather. His advice on God, marriage, and family will stick with me. He told me he had no in-laws, but he also showed me with his actions. His values resonate through the entire extended McNally family. I will miss him.*  
John Doolittle

John Doolittle - April 20, 2016 at 12:53 PM

WF

“ *Condolences to the McNally family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says God, "heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds." May God bring you comfort and peace.*

Williams Family - March 20, 2016 at 09:01 AM

JG

“ *Beautiful tribute to a wonderful life. My condolences to all the family.*  
Joyce Wolfenden Goff

Joyce Goff - March 19, 2016 at 10:51 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph McNally, Sr.*



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March 10, 2016 at 06:40 PM



“ *What a great man. He was a good friend and we enjoyed many times of talking about our cattle herds and just enjoying each others company.. We send our thoughts and prayers to all of the family.God Bless you. Don and Jean Ann Paschal*

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**Don Paschal** - March 10, 2016 at 06:02 PM



“ *Remembering a great man. He was a good friend and wonderful doctor.We had many a good talk through the years comparing our cattle herds and remembering old times. We are so sorry for your loss and send our thoughts and prayers to your family. Jean Ann and Don Paschal*



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**Don and Jean Ann Paschal** - March 10, 2016 at 05:04 PM



“ *Cathy, Melissa, Scott, Jeannie, Evan Lavoie purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joseph McNally, Sr.*



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**Cathy, Melissa, Scott, Jeannie, Evan Lavoie** - March 10, 2016 at 09:14 AM

TP

“ *The Conlon's, Flanagan's and Pechulis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph McNally, Sr.*



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**The Conlon's, Flanagan's and Pechulis** - March 09, 2016 at 10:37 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joseph McNally, Sr.*



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March 09, 2016 at 07:09 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph McNally, Sr.*



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March 09, 2016 at 07:01 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph McNally, Sr.*



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March 09, 2016 at 04:28 PM

BF

“ *Bridget Lee & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joseph McNally, Sr.*



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**Bridget Lee & Family** - March 09, 2016 at 11:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph McNally, Sr.*



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March 09, 2016 at 08:16 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph McNally, Sr.*



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March 08, 2016 at 05:16 PM

SS

“ *What a beautiful tribute to Joe. Wonderful pictures that stirred such happy memories of him and of Barbara. We loved the times we spent together at family weddings and vacations. Joe's intense dedication to all things family made us feel like we were part of the the immediate family.*

*May he rest in peace and be reunited with his Barbara.*

*Our love, the Scholl Family*

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**Sherry Scholl** - March 08, 2016 at 03:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph McNally, Sr.*



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March 08, 2016 at 02:34 PM



“ *Steve and Linda Judge purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Joseph McNally, Sr.*



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**Steve and Linda Judge** - March 08, 2016 at 10:39 AM



“ *Joyce And Russ Bone lit a candle in memory  
of Joseph McNally, Sr*



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**Joyce and Russ Bone** - March 08, 2016 at 09:41 AM



“ *2 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Mary Colvin** - March 08, 2016 at 07:55 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Joseph McNally, Sr.*



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March 07, 2016 at 06:05 PM



“ *Rosemary McNally McCoy lit a candle in memory of Joseph McNally, Sr*



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**Rosemary McNally McCoy** - March 07, 2016 at 05:53 PM



“ *Jayne McNally lit a candle in memory of Joseph McNally, Sr*



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**Jayne McNally** - March 07, 2016 at 04:59 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear this. I have so many fond memories of Dr. McNally, and the entire McNally family. Thank you for everything you did for Corsicana.*  
*Michelle Kolosta Booth*

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**Michelle Kolosta Booth** - March 07, 2016 at 02:49 PM

MG

“ *Legends leave a legacy of greatness. There is nothing greater than love. May Dr. McNally walk the golden streets forever with Mrs. McNally. There is one big, happy party in heaven on this day. Rest in peace, Dr. McNally. You left us the best of yourself here on earth: your children and grandchildren. We cherish each one of them!*

Mary Gorden - March 07, 2016 at 02:06 PM

DC

“ *Sorry for the loss of a wonderful man, he will be missed by us, he had always had a great attitude every time he walked through our shop doors and will always remember his greeting of "Hi how are ya" RIP Doc McNally you will be missed. Memories forever Danny and Melinda Price and Danny's Car Care*

Danny, Melinda Price of Danny's Car Care - March 07, 2016 at 12:48 PM



“ *62 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - March 07, 2016 at 12:04 PM

TF

“ *The Buckley Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Joseph McNally, Sr.*



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**The Buckley Family** - March 07, 2016 at 11:31 AM



“ *Thinking of wonderful and fond memories of the McNally family over the years. My heart goes out to all. prayers and peace. Much love, Alan Barnes.*

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**Alan Barnes** - March 07, 2016 at 11:06 AM

JJ

“ *Oh my how many wonderful conversations Dr.McNally and I had from cattle to children. What a joy he always was to visit with(at my desk at the bank or in the grocery store). Loved he and Barbara. May he rest in peace with Barbara. My prayers are with each of you, he was so very proud his family. May God give you strength and comfort in the days ahead.*

*Love,  
Jaynie Johnston*

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**Jaynie Johnston** - March 07, 2016 at 09:52 AM

SM

“ I have happy memories of Mr. And Mrs. McNally when I would visit my grandparents in Corsicana. Thank you all for the friendship your family has shown mine, and please know that you are in our hearts at this difficult time. Mr. McNally was full of advice and Christian kindness, I hope that our sincere condolences and your happy memories will ease you through the pain you feel now. His legacy will live on in the hearts of all that he loved.

Much love,

*Sarah Schriefer McLearn and Garrett McLearn (Dallas)*

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**Sarah Schriefer McLearn** - March 07, 2016 at 04:03 AM

FF

“ Francis, Donna, Dave, Mike, and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph McNally, Sr.



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**Francis, Donna, Dave, Mike, and family** - March 05, 2016 at 12:08 PM

CS

“ My heart is broken for your family! Words cannot describe the friendship I had with Dr McNally. The memories of years working with him; I loved him and my prayers are with you all. Cindi and Ruckey Sliger

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**cindi sliger** - March 05, 2016 at 04:55 AM