

Donal "Mac" McGonegal Class of 1948 Ephrata Alumni Association Noted Alumni



Donal "Mac" McGonegal was an honor graduate of Ephrata High School in 1948. He was a participant in student government and was a member of the basketball team.

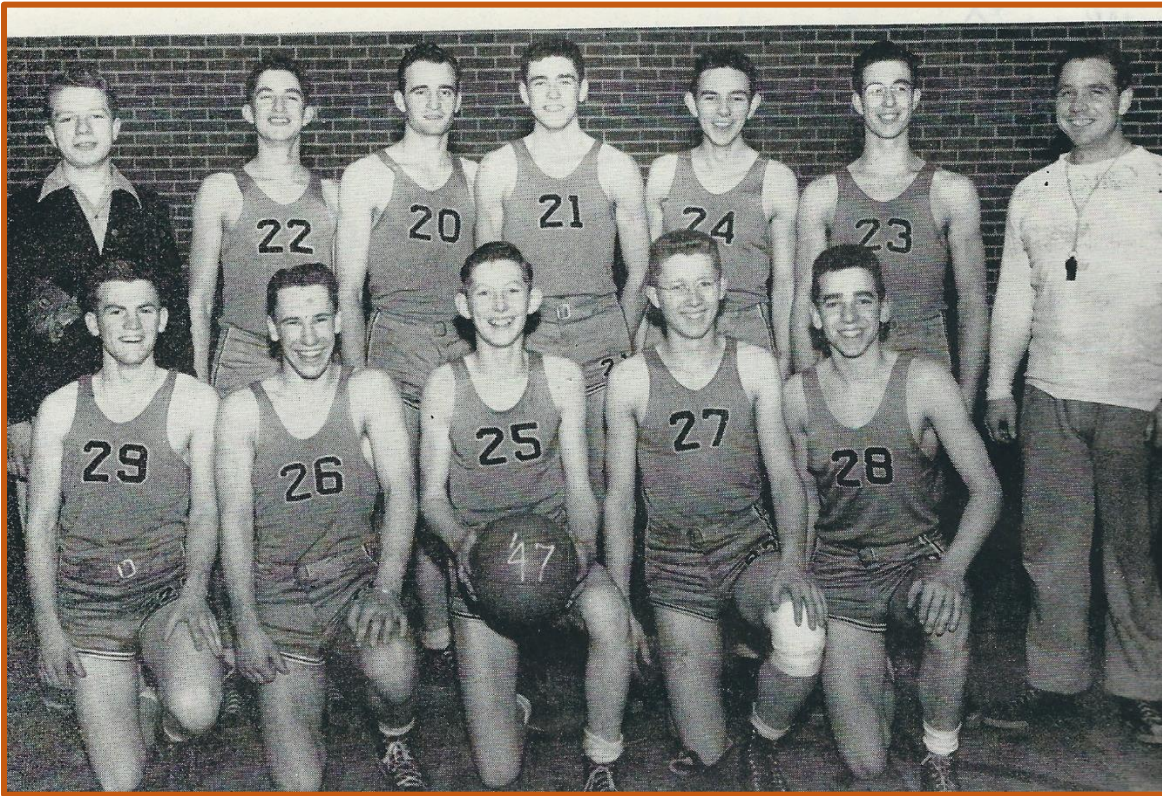
After high school Mac attended Central Washington University for two years before accepting an appointment to the United States Naval Academy. He graduated from the academy in 1955 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Naval Engineering and proceeded to Naval Flight Training, winning his Navy Wings in 1956.

During the following ten years Mac made multiple deployments with the Pacific Fleet, serving in Viet Nam and as a liaison with the Royal Thai Navy. While flying the S-2 Tracker and the C-1A Trader, he made over 1000 carrier landings. From 1960-1964 he earned a Master's Degree in Nuclear Engineering from the Navy Post Graduate School, with a follow-on tour as an instructor. In 1967, as a Lieutenant Commander, he resigned his commission. Mac joined Atlantic Research Corporation in Alexandria, Virginia, for 20 years, culminating his career as an Aerospace Program Manager.

In 1987 Mac and wife Hennie moved from Northern Virginia to White Stone, Virginia. Both were active in local choral groups and church choirs at White Stone United Methodist Church and Kilmarnock United Methodist Church. Mac filled multiple official positions at both of these churches. A passionate advocate of reading, he volunteered in Northern Virginia and Lancaster County to teach reading to foreign students, jail populations, and county children. He served as Treasurer for the Mosquito Point Property Owners Association for many years and as the Membership Chairman of the Virginia Aviation Historical Society. He enjoyed a long career as a docent at Historic Christ Church.

Mac and Hennie were life partners in the fullest sense. Meeting on a blind date at Annapolis, the Navy took them all around the country. During his career in Northern Virginia, they raised their children and joined together in supporting scouts, sports, school, and church activities. With their retirement to White Stone, they enjoyed traveling, venturing to Europe, Egypt, Alaska, Hawaii, Australia, and Israel. Throughout their lives they enjoyed the company of their extended family in Alexandria and Mosquito Creek. Countless summer evenings ended with music on the porch, the cousins singing and playing and Mac adding his classic "gut bucket." Mac was a lifelong learner with a passion for history, politics, and archeology. He was a biblical scholar with an extensive library that filled many shelves of his Mosquito Creek home. He maintained a love of aviation and never said no to a chance to see an airshow or visit an aviation museum. He balanced his literary life with his passion for the outdoors. An avid fisherman and boater, he instilled these loves in his children and his grandchildren. Many a summer day was spent baiting hooks, removing fish, and cleaning the catch - always with a smile

Donal Elmer McGonegal, 88, of White Stone, Virginia died on 04 September 2018.



The "First Ten"

Back row: Morgan Johnson, Don Britt, Lyle Eaks, **Don McGonegal**, Buster Boruff, Harry Drittenbas, Coach Roth. Fron row: Bob Burd, Albert Treiber, Bill Black, Willard Womack, Dick Connor. 1946-47 Season.

Grant County Tournament Winners

COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Ephrata - 59 Marlin - 15

Ephrata - 28 Moses Lake - 27

Ephrata - 45 Grand Coulee - 35

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Ephrata - 31 Peshastin - 27

Ephrata - 45 Grand Coulee - 31

Ephrata - 25 Chelan - 51

Ephrata - 24 Omak - 46

The total number of points earned by each of the first ten basketball players this season are as follows:
 Lyle Eaks - 173, Robert Burd - 170, Harry Drittenbas Jr. - 164, Donal McGonegal - 145,
 Willard Womack - 105, Albert Treiber - 70, Clarence Boruff - 68, William Black - 65,
 Donald Britt - 40, Richard Connor - 30.