



## Mr. John William McGrain Jr.

September 25, 1931 - May 2, 2021

On May 2, 2021, John William McGrain, Jr., of Towson, MD, devoted son of the late John William McGrain and Teresa L. McGrain, dear brother of the late Robert E. McGrain, dear uncle of John B. McGrain of Nashua, NH, Robert E. McGrain of Forest Hill, MD and Maureen G. Melanson of Tewksbury, MA.

Friends may call at the family owned Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc. 6500 York Road (at Overbrook) on Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 PM. A Funeral Mass will be offered on Tuesday 10:00AM at Immaculate Conception Church, Towson. Interment Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Historical Society of Baltimore County, 9811 Van Buren Lane, Cockeysville, MD 21030.

# Cemetery Details

## Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens

200 E. Padonia Road  
Timonium, MD 21093  
<http://www.dulaneyvalley.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 10.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.  
6500 York Road  
Baltimore, MD 21212  
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[general@mwfuneralhome.com](mailto:general@mwfuneralhome.com)

## Visitation

**MAY 10.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

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MAY **11**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Church  
200 Ware Avenue  
Towson, MD 21204

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jack,

*You were my neighbor for 21 years . I enjoyed helping you with whatever needed assisting , letting you pet sit our pet bird , and inviting you over for thanksgiving/Christmas meals . Having you as a neighbor was truly a blessing in itself and I am very sorry to have lost you but 89 years is a long time to be alive and to of been able to still be doing writing is quite amazing . Jack I love and miss you already*

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“ My deepest condolences to his niece and nephews, and all of his friends. We will all miss John's willingness to share his knowledge of Baltimore County and Maryland history with anyone who had an interest in it. All you had to do was pose a question to John, and you were bound to learn whatever he had to share, I remember a day the Historical Society received an 8x10 photo of somewhere in Baltimore City. The Director asked me if I knew where it might be, since I had grown up in the city. I said it looked like it was shot from the roof of Johns Hopkins Hospital over the main entrance, because a brick apron was visible at the lower edge of the photo. And I surmised it was looking west. But I was baffled, because the Washington Monument wasn't visible, and it should have been. I suggested the Director scan it and send it to John, since he knew Baltimore better than I did. And the scene looked like it was from the 1940s. John e-mailed back within an hour, that I was partially right. The street scene was from the 1940s and it was looking west. But the Washington Monument wasn't visible, because John had taken the photo himself in 1946 or 47 from the top of the Washington Monument. We had enjoyed a good chuckle. Because John was known for his almost encyclopedic memory of things, places and people related to Baltimore County, City and Maryland. John, You will be missed! Sally Riley

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Sally Riley - May 04, 2021 at 03:03 PM