



## Ina Lee Connatser

August 29, 1936 - September 18, 2024

Ina Lee (McGinnis) Connatser of La Plata, Maryland passed away peacefully at the Washington Hospital Center, Washington, DC on Wednesday September 18, 2024, at the age of 88.

Ina was born on August 29, 1936 in Lea Springs, Grainger County, Tennessee to Clarence McGinnis (1906-1965) and Thelma (Summers) McGinnis (1906-1973). After graduating from Friendsville High School, in Friendsville, Tennessee, Ina moved to Washington, DC to go to work for the FBI. She had a successful career working for the Federal Government as an Administrative Assistant and retired in 1995. Ina enjoyed sewing, crafting, playing bingo, going on cruises, and Christmas. She could sew anything, taught sewing classes, and sewed for many people. She was very creative and enjoyed making all types of crafts and selling her creations at craft shows. She enjoyed playing bingo with friends and went on several bingo cruises. With her late husband of 60 years Ralph Dixon Connatser (1932-2016) they enjoyed almost 40 cruises mostly traveling with close friends. She loved cruising to Alaska. Her favorite holiday was Christmas. She decorated the inside and outside of the house. Her creativity won her many community and Town of La Plata decoration awards. The bay windows of the house were decorated with different holiday scenes made up of movable characters just like she remembered seeing in department store windows in the city. The inside of the house was a Christmas wonderland. Almost every room was decorated. She loved snowmen, and they were everywhere. She enjoyed riding around the neighborhood to see all the Christmas light displays. She always made Christmas special for the family with decorations, food, homemade candy, and cookies.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Ina was preceded in death by her daughter, Rebecca Diane Connatser (1967-2015), her brother, Clarence McGinnis Jr. (1932-2007) and her brother-in-law John A. Goforth Jr. (1942-2024).

Ina is survived by her daughter, Phyllis Ann (Connatser) Hamilton, son, Ralph Dixon Connatser Jr., grandson, Daniel (Kasey) Joseph Cather, and sister, Margaret (McGinnis) Goforth.

To honor Ina's memory, please consider donating to the Charles County Rescue Squad at PO Box 40, La Plata, MD 20646. They assisted Ina on several occasions and the family

greatly appreciates their service to the family and the community.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Phyllis, Ralph, Jr. and Daniel,  
We are so saddened to hear of Ina’s passing. Our families have known each other since the 1960’s. Ina will be truly missed by so many. I have many fond memories of our family gatherings, Ina teaching me to sew and her special Christmas candies. Ina and Ralph were dear friends with my parents, Bud and Gail Poynor, now deceased. They enjoyed going out to dinner, cruising and traveling adventures together.  
We always loved seeing the beautiful Christmas decorations Ina would make. She definitely loved Christmas! She will be celebrating her favorite holiday with our Lord and Savior in her heavenly home this year.  
We are praying God will fill you with His peace that passes all human understanding.  
Mark and Cindy (Poynor) Hancock

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**Cindy Hancock** - September 26, 2024 at 07:59 PM

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“ To Ina's family: I just saw this obituary and was saddened to see it. I worked with Ina for many years at Cheltenham. Kathy Conover

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**Kathy Conover** - September 26, 2024 at 11:30 AM