

Mark Allen McKinnis Family History

Parents: Roy Irvin and Delora (Cathey) McKinnis

Mark Allen McKinnis was born 2 November 1963 in Sterling, Kansas, as the eighth generation of this McKinnis Family in North America. Mark graduated Nathan Hale High School in Tulsa in 1982 and received a Bachelor of Science from Oklahoma University in 1986. During high school and college, he participated in ROTC.

Mark was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy 19 December 1986. He went to Flight School in Pensacola, Florida in 1987 and was winged a Naval Flight Officer in the E-2C Hawkeye at Miramar Naval Air Station in southern California in March 1989. He deployed on board the USS Constellation and USS Nimitz with VAW-112 from April 1989 to February 1992.

He left active duty in April 1995 and went into the Navy Reserves. He flew with VAW-77 from January 1996 to June 2011. He finished his Naval service as a Staff Officer with Naval Reserve 7th Fleet in Ft. Worth, Texas, and will retire in October 2013 as a Commander, U.S. Navy.

Mark married Beth Elizabeth Ann Teague in Tulsa on 30 July 30 1988 and had two children: Joseph Ian born 30 March 1985 and Lauren Ashley born 6 December, 1998. Both children were born in Dallas. Mark and Beth divorced in 2002, and both children live with their mother in Rockwall, Texas.

Mark remarried 1 January 2006, to Berenice Garcia, born 6 June 1963 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Berenice has one daughter from a previous marriage, Janice Manzo born 25 November 1993 in Puerto Rico, who lives with her father.

Mark and Berenice have one son, Ethan Carlos, born in Jacksonville, Florida 28 June 2006. The family lives in Cape Canaveral, Florida. Ethan, Joseph and Lauren are the ninth generation McKinnis North America.

*by Mark Allen McKinnis
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