



On Saturday, February 25, 2017, at the 26th Precinct Stationhouse, a plaque was dedicated to Det. Anthony J. McGinley, who died in the line of duty in upper Manhattan in 1944. In 2016, retired Det. William Grub, a friend of McGinley's nephew Tony, checked to see if there were any memorials to his friend's slain uncle. While McGinley is memorialized at One Police Plaza, Grub checked all the stationhouses in what would have comprised the 4th, 5th, and 6th Detective Districts of the 1940s, but saw no local precinct plaque. He contacted the Deputy Commissioner of Personnel's Office and Chief of Detectives Robert Boyce approved the placing of a new McGinley memorial in the 2-6. The DEA supplied a new granite plaque.

McGinley was appointed to the force on March 26, 1938. He posthumously received the Medal of Honor from Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine on April 30, 1945. The original Departmental Orders report that, "Detective Anthony J. McGinley, Shield No. 1805, 5th Detective District, 18th Division, at about 9:55 p.m., December 23, 1944, while on cruiser radio motor patrol, in response to a radio signal, proceeded to premises 29 Hancock Place, Manhattan, where a man had assaulted his wife. As Detective McGinley entered the apartment, there was a blast from a shotgun and Detective McGinley fell to the floor, mortally wounded. As he lay there, Detective McGinley fired six shots at the gunman, who was shot and killed. Detective McGinley was removed to the hospital, where he died on December 27, 1944." Four other Officers were honored for their work on the McGinley case with "Honorable Mentions." During his four days in the hospital, the *New York Times* reported that McGinley was promoted to second grade. He was only 33 years old, and left a wife, Helen, and two children: William, then age six, and Marianne, then age four. They are now both retired and living in Florida. Their mother passed away in 1999. McGinley's brother was first grade Det. Edward McGinley, who also served in the NYPD from the early 1930s until 1961. He passed away in 1974. Pictured at the plaque dedication were members of the McGinley family: from left, niece Patrice Gaburo; niece Gail Sir; grandson Dr. Brian McGinley; nephew Tony McGinley; and nephew John McGinley, a retired Suffolk County Law Enforcement Officer.

