



Michael A. Frantz

June 25, 2020

Michael A. Frantz, 72, of Lancaster, passed on Thursday, June 25, 2020. He was a son of the late Joseph and Lubitza Privichev Frantz.

Mike grew up in Lancaster city and graduated from Lancaster Catholic where he lettered in both football and basketball. He attended University of Arizona/Arizona State University on a football scholarship.

He served in the U.S. Navy on a submarine tender based in Rota, Spain during the Vietnam era. After his discharge, he traveled through Europe.

He used the GI Bill to attend and graduate from Millersville State College, after which he worked at St. Joseph's Hospital as a biofeedback technician.

He is survived by his beloved and devoted wife, Kathleen Magbag, to whom he was married for 31 years, and his stepson, Ryan Magbag. He is also survived by cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph "Pepe" and Phillip Frantz.

Anyone who met Mike became a friend. He enjoyed visiting and attending social functions when he was able. He loved a good party and always enjoyed the "goodies". Despite suffering from multiple sclerosis for more than 30 years and being bedbound for the past six years, he never complained. He unfailingly thanked everyone who offered the smallest help and or did the smallest favor for him.

While he enjoyed traveling, including to Egypt, the Netherlands and to L.L. Bean in Maine at Thanksgiving, he also loved Lancaster County. He and Kathy enjoyed going to auctions and he was always on the lookout for Hubley's and Hamilton watches. He was an avid Penn State football fan and loved watching Shark Tank. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Kathy would like to thank Dr. Spencer Phillips; caregivers, Brenda Mercado, Lee Ann Wise

and Lucinda Cartwright; Fr. Amanda Knause of St. John's Episcopal and Dr. Steven Jacobs for their compassionate care of Michael during the latter stages of his illness.

A service will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Mike's name may be made to Lancaster Catholic High School, 650 Juliette Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601 or the charity of one's choice.

Comments



“ Mike,
I don't know what to say. You were one of the greatest friends I ever had. I was honored that you chose to be friends with me. I always saw you as a kind, caring, funny, smart, good conversationalist who always carried a so-called “glass that was full.” You were such a good person.

Carol Peris - September 08, 2020 at 06:44 AM



“ My condolences to everybody who was family, friends or acquaintances with Mike. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Carol Peris - September 08, 2020 at 06:57 AM



“ Kathy,
Joe and I have fond memories of Mike from LCHS. He was a humble sweet man. Our sincere sympathy.
Joe and Denise(Dece) Ziegler

denise ziegler - July 04, 2020 at 07:12 AM



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Richard Frantz - June 30, 2020 at 08:26 PM



“ Mike's father, left front, Mike # 28, 3rd row, Dick Frantz # 26, cousin

Richard Frantz - July 01, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ Thank you, Richard. I have never seen this pic.

Kathleen Magbag - August 05, 2020 at 01:18 AM



“ Oh my ,, what to say about Mike kind , loving , thoughtful, always made you feel special. I have cleaned mike and kathys home for 17 years, and in that time they have become family. All the talks and lunches mike and I had together were always special. And let's not forget mike loved to eat !! Lol . And one of the biggest sweet toothed around. I will miss you dearly

Lucinda Cartwright - June 29, 2020 at 12:40 PM



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Lisa Groff - June 29, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ Michael was one in a million! “There wasn't a man he didn't like “! He was a great friend to everyone. Tom & I have you, his loving family in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom & Jane Burger - June 28, 2020 at 07:32 AM



“ Mike and I played football as kids, and then all sports at LCHS. We bonded there, and remained close friends all these years. Mike was a tremendous football player, and a great teammate. We worked together at the Lancaster C.C., and joined the U.S.Navy at the same time. He toured Europe, and I went to Vietnam, keeping in touch during that entire time. Mike was close to my wife Mary Lou, and her entire family, as well as my family. He always inquired about everyone, with sincere concern about everyone's welfare. We moved to California in 1980, but we stayed close. Catching up on the phone, and visiting when I got a chance to come to Lancaster. I have never met anyone as unselfish, or as courageous as Mike. Our hearts go out to Kathy, and family. R. I. P. Big Mike, We love you.

Phil McCaskey - June 28, 2020 at 03:05 AM



“ What a great cousin to have for the family to look up to. He was a pillar for all. We all need more of Michael on this planet. He will be so missed and was very loved. Mike was my angel Peace be with you. Loved our rides thru the countryside!

Debra Hill - June 27, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ Uncle Mike was definitely one of a kind. I always knew when my girls and I would go see him he would make us all smile. He was such a caring and loving human being. He always wanted to know about you and how you were doing. I could just sit and talk with him about anything and eat ice cream sandwiches. He was so full of knowledge and knew about everything. He will be missed tremendously. I hope he's enjoying all his sweets in heaven. We love you Uncle Mike!!

Jenine Turner - June 27, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ Sabatini Gray lit a candle in memory of Michael A. Frantz



Sabatini Gray - June 27, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ My Uncle Mike was awesome!!! I remember growing up as a child he would always come to my house and play with my brother and I. He was always around and he made us very happy. He was so crazy chasing us around everywhere and always making us laugh!! I am sure I peed my pants quite a few times he was so funny!! I have so many special memories growing up with him in them. He will be missed tremendously!! He loved my husband John and my three boys Stephen, Johnny and Dalton. He was super proud of my youngest son Dalton, he is in the army and he is special forces. He served in Afghanistan and Uncle Mike always wanted an update on him. He also loved my grandkids Aiden and Ariella and asked about them often. He talked to my mom always on the phone for hours, she misses him and loved him like a brother. He is now in heaven with his mom Margie, my grandmother, brother Pepe, my uncle, my wonderful, crazy, funny Dad Phillip, my handsome brother Phillip and all my beautiful aunt's!! Wow it's an all skate in heaven right now!! I truly miss everybody in my family and I am blessed that Uncle Mike got to know and love my boys and grandkids!! Now I have another guardian Angel in heaven to watch over my family and myself!! Love you always and forever Uncle Mike.

Angela Frantz Groff - June 27, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ I have known Mike for over 50 years and he was such a great human being . He became one of my closest guy friends and was like a brother to me. I loved him dearly and I cannot say enough about him. My last phone call with him was special as we talked about a lot of things and when I sensed he was tired ,I would tell him it was time for sleep. He said that he prays for me at night when he says his prayers and that touched my heart . He loved us all, especially those of us that tried hard to stay in touch. He loved The Lord so much ,and always praised Kathy for her devotion to him and her care of him . He was grateful to The Lord for her and all his blessings. I miss him already and was planning a visit to him the next time I visited Lancaster County . That won't happen and it hurts that I will never hear dhis voice again but I know he's in heaven and not sick anymore and at peace. Love you Mike . Rest in the arms of The Lord . Gray

Sabatini Gray - June 27, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ Mike was my cousin. I generally only saw him once a year. My mother, his aunt Maria who came to live with me as her health was declining, made Greek pastries for him every Christmas, and she asked me to continue that tradition after she passed away. I kept my promise and saw to it the tradition continued. He was always like a kid in a candy store when I brought them to him. We would sit and visit foe a while and Kathy always joined in as we got older the conversations turned to health issues more often than not. Mike never had a harsh word for anyone or anything. Just being there with him made me realize what a wonderful human being he was and each visit he seemed more and more spiritual. I know he is with his Lord and Savior and in his perfect body rejoicing and possibly eating Greek Pastries with my mom. God bless them both. They were both one of a kind.

Cynthia Stroman - June 27, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ I knew Mike through my brother Rick Hobday. I always was in awe when Mike was around. He was so kind to me being a nagging kid. I had the pleasure of having dinner with Mike several times at Kegel's restaurant. He is a great person.

Mary Lynn Hobday DiPaolo - June 28, 2020 at 03:20 PM