



Michael "Mike" Raydon Bittner

August 31, 1948 - January 19, 2021

Michael Raydon "Mike" Bittner, age 72, of Sylvania, Ohio gave his final salute on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. He was born on August 31, 1948, in Toledo, Ohio to Raydon and Phyllis Bittner. He attended McKinley Elementary and graduated from DeVilbiss High School in 1966. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Columbia College.

After high school graduation, Mike enlisted in the United States Army (Infantry). He was a Vietnam Veteran. In his 20-year Army career, among other responsibilities, he was a drill sergeant, recruiter, and ROTC instructor. Mike and his family took great pride in his military service.

Mike also had a second career working for the American Red Cross after his retirement from the Army. Outside of work, Mike enjoyed sports, particularly bowling. He was a lifelong fan of the MLB Yankees and the NFL Colts. Mike loved a good joke, going to the movies, and spending time with his family. Mike is survived by his wife Karen (Wietrzykowski) Bittner, with whom he would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 22, 2021; daughters, Diana Bittner and Erica (Brandon) Kennedy; sister, Judy Welsh; grandchildren, Joseph, Emma and Morgan; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raydon and Phyllis Bittner. Family and friends are invited to visit on Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. at the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue, (between Secor and Douglas Roads), where a Celebration of Life will follow at 7 p.m. Contributions in memory of Mike may be made to the American Heart Association or the

donor's favorite charity.

The family would like to express their thanks to the ICU staffs at Flower and Toledo Hospitals for their generous care and frequent communication.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **26**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ We are so very sorry to hear about the loss of Mike Bittner, Erica's father. Our prayers are with you Erica and your family. So very hard to lose someone you love and just pray you will find comfort in your memories in the days ahead. We are thinking about you. Earl and Kathy Sparrow

Kathy Sparrow - February 03, 2021 at 12:26 PM

SW

“ My deepest sympathy to Mike's family. I am a fellow classmate from McKinley Grade School and DeVilbiss High School. I remember him as a kind , gentle guy. May many wonderful memories comfort you during this difficult time. Sandra Barkholt Weber

Sandra Barkholt Weber - January 26, 2021 at 12:02 PM

CI

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



CSM (R) Lloyd C. Murray, II - January 26, 2021 at 11:27 AM

DW

“ So sorry for your heart breaking loss... Mike will always be remembered as a kind man who would give you the shirt off his back! I bowled with Mike for several years. We always had a blast bowling together, My deepest sympathy to the family, he will be missed by all who knew him! I am sure his bowling buddy Charlie was there to meet him in Gods kingdom. RIP Mike till we meet again.....

Don Whetsel - January 24, 2021 at 10:59 AM

MC

“ Our deepest condolences to the Bittner Family. We pray you find peace in this difficult time. Celebrate the beautiful legacy he leaves us all...his wonderful family. May God rest his soul. ~ Anders & Michelle Björlin

michelle camargo-björlin - January 24, 2021 at 04:16 AM

LS

“ To the family, you have my deepest sympathy in your loss. May your memories and shared love for each other bring you comfort.

Lottie Sherife-Kekulah - January 24, 2021 at 12:53 AM

DH

“ So very sorry to read of Mike's passing. We went to elementary and high school together and grew up near each other. My condolences to his entire family.

Debby Goodman Harrison

DEBORAH HARRISON - January 24, 2021 at 12:37 AM

CE

“ *To Erica and family - So sorry for your loss! God bless you and comfort you with His love!*

Carol Easterwood - January 23, 2021 at 07:16 PM