



Mr. Michael Edward Banks

November 26, 1921 - November 27, 2015

Michael Edward Banks, of Berlin, formerly of Milwaukee died peacefully surrounded by love on November 27, 2015. He achieved living to his 94th birthday and a day, so there. He resided at Patriot Place of Berlin for four and a half years, where he was loved well and cared for. Mike “enriched” and brought joy and spirit to his friends, fellow residents, and staff.

Mike was born in Milwaukee on November 26, 1921, the son of Michael Edward and Dorothy (Farrell) Banks. He grew up and was educated in Milwaukee, graduating from Boy’s Technical High School. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in February of 1942. Mike served in the 3rd battalion of the Marine Corps Raiders, the elite special operation arm of the Marine Corps in the Pacific theater. He held the rank of sergeant and patrol leader on campaigns: Bougainville BSI, participated in consolidation of Northern Solomon’s, occupation and defense of Emir au Islands, occupation of Guam, M.I., and lastly serving on Okinawa where he received his last injury, which sent him back to the States. In all receiving three Purple Hearts. Meanwhile, his childhood sweet heart Georgina who also enlisted in the Corps was stationed in Arlington, VA.

After the war ended, they returned to Milwaukee. They were married on May 25, 1946 at the Cathedral of Saint John. They were blessed with three children. Mike and Georgie shared 62 years together until her death on March 2, 2009.

Mike worked at the American Motors “Nash” plant, while going to night school to hone his talent of technical drawing. He entered his field working for George J. Meyer, in Cudahy, until it was sold. Then he entered the family at Milwaukee Electric Tool. He was responsible for drawing detailed exploded views of the tools. He loved the people he worked with and enriched the office with his sharp dry humor and talent. He retired in 1984.

Retirement gave him time to become active in the US Raider Assn., and helping some of his fellow Raider’s with books, history, and official roster of the Raiders. Mike and Georgie were active in many ministries of the Cathedral, and did some traveling. In 2001 they moved to Berlin. And became members of All Saints Catholic community of Berlin. Survivors include; his three children; daughter, Cynthia “Cindy” (John) Skipchak, of Berlin, along with their children; Jason Skipchak, of St. Louis, Kristin(Mike) Hasslinger, of

Milwaukee, and Robin Skipchak, of Berlin, son, Timothy "Tim" Banks, (special friend Nicole Bissell) of Franklin, his son Max Banks, of Franklin, daughter, Michele (Mike) Knapp, of Sussex, their sons, Alex, Elliott, and Evan, of Sussex, one sister in law, Helen Wind, of West Allis, his Berlin family, the Malchetske's, Bob, Beth, Patrick and especially Tom the "gift I got from God" quote. Also other relatives and scores of old dear friends. He was preceded in death by; wife, Georgie, his parents, one sister, Dorothy, special nephew Ron Wind, brothers in law, Florian Wind, James Cronin, and Frank and Fran Malchetske.

Funeral services, with a Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2015, at All Saints Catholic Church of Berlin, at 10:30 a.m., with the Rev. David Greenfield officiating. Burial will follow at Saint Stanislaus Cemetery, of Berlin with complete military honors.

Family and friends may call at the Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home of Berlin, on Friday, December 11, 2015, from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m., also on Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. until we leave for Church. A parish rosary will be recited at 7:45 pm. Friday evening. The staff of Patriot Place and Agnesian Hospice Hope will always be treasured by us for their love, joy, humor, grit, and comfort they brought Mike and our family during this last chapter of his life here.

Mike was an amazing, strong, gentle, sharp witted man, who touched the hearts of many. Semper fi;, go light up heaven dad.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Catholic Cemetery

Berlin, WI 54923

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home
116 S Adams Ave
Berlin, WI 54923
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Rosary

DEC 11. 7:45 PM (CT)

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Visitation

DEC 12. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Michael Edward Banks*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - December 05, 2015 at 03:19 PM

LC

Beautiful tribute to Wonderful Marine Raider, Husband , Father, Grandfather. He truly was a MAN to be proud of !!! My thoughts are with you all. Rocky and Linda De Cristofaro

Linda De Cristofaro - December 06, 2015 at 12:48 PM

KH

I loved your parents they were great people. I had the pleasure of visiting with your father in September. I'll never forget some of the great war stories. I am happy to know that he's no longer in pain. And because of his faith knowing that he is safely home with Georgie! Kelly Haase

Kelly Haase - December 10, 2015 at 10:50 AM

PK

“ *Pat Krukiel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Michael Edward Banks.*



Pat Krukiel - December 09, 2015 at 10:02 PM

BJ

“ *Michele, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. Love always! Brenda*

Brenda and Joe - December 08, 2015 at 07:04 PM

SF

“ *Sissy Monohan And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Michael Edward Banks*



Sissy Monohan and family - December 08, 2015 at 06:02 PM

JH

“ *We have fond memories of Mike and Georgie as next door neighbors for many years. We were surrounded by loving families, excitement , joy and sometimes sadness. We always knew when Mike was outside in his yd., by the smell of his pipe. As neighbors, we could not ask for any better. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the Banks families. love Jerry and Janice*

Jerry and Janice Hempel - December 08, 2015 at 10:32 AM

GB

“ *Cindy and John and Family, So Sorry for your Loss...It's hard to loss your Dad. Thoughts and prayers for you...Gloria and Ron Briski*

Gloria Briski - December 08, 2015 at 05:19 AM

RK

“ *Cindy and Family- As a fellow colleague in disaster services, I pray our Heavenly Father grants peace and promise to all of you during this time of grief. May you and your entire family honor the gifts of your father made to freedom, family, friends, and so many others during such a long life. Peace- Victor*



Reverend Victor F. Kolch - December 06, 2015 at 01:30 PM

RW

“ *Cindy:*

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family during this time of loss.

Russ Walker

russ walker - December 06, 2015 at 11:41 AM

EF

“ Please extend our deepest condolences to your family on the death of your father. May you find peace in God's comforting words found in Isaiah 41:13.

Eisbrenner family - December 06, 2015 at 10:56 AM

MK

“ What a wonderful life! Hugs, Jason!

Mary Kemp
Suttons Bay, MI

Mary Kemp - December 05, 2015 at 06:02 PM



“ 98 files added to the album LifeTributes



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