



Joseph Michael Parker

October 27, 1948 - February 14, 2021

Joseph Michael Parker, 72, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 14, 2021 at his home in Frankford after a long battle with several health issues.

Mike was born on October 27, 1948 in Raleigh, North Carolina and moved to the Baltimore area when he was young. Not long after high school graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and proudly served his country during the Vietnam War. After his return from Vietnam he married his sweetheart, Deborah G. Webster on July 25, 1970, and together they were blessed to share 50 years of marriage. They raised their family in Sykesville until moving to the Eastern Shore a few years ago. Mike played soccer in his youth and after his playing days ended he enjoyed coaching his son through his youth soccer days. Mike retired from Honeywell, where he worked many years as a sub-contractor for NASA. His prized possession was his 1973 Corvette Stingray. He tinkered on that car for many years and recently was able to finally finish the orange paint job on it. He enjoyed sports as well, and was an avid Baltimore Ravens fan. Mike had to fight for everything his whole life, including all that he endured during his heart transplant and other recent health issues. He always credited his wife Debbie and her parents for saving his life and giving them the family that he always wanted. Mike loved it in Delaware where he had many great friends who he enjoyed fishing with, dining out, going to car shows and hanging out with. Spending time with family, friends and his beloved Shelties made Mike's life complete.

In addition to his wife Debbie, he is survived by his daughters, Stacie Krauss (Tod) of Westminster, MD and Kristie Grachik (Mike) of Delmar; a son, Chad Parker (Denise) of Westchester, PA; and beloved grandchildren, Sierra, Tanner, Trey, Hunter, Kolby, Ty and Grace.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Roxana Volunteer Fire Co., 35943 Zion Church Road, Frankford, DE 19945. The family would love for you to think of Mike when you pass a soccer field, see Old Glory flying or get passed on the road by an orange Corvette.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **12**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Roxana Volunteer Fire Co.
35943 Zion Church Road
Frankford, DE 19945

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Michael Parker*

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the family, especially thinking of my friend Kristie. I know from our many talks that her Dad meant so much to her and she loved him dearly. I'm blessed to have been able to meet him and spend time with him at the soccer fields. He was an amazing man who left behind many amazing memories....Wendy Shores*

wendy northrup shores - February 20, 2021 at 08:05 AM



“ *George Mack lit a candle in memory of Joseph Michael Parker*



George Mack - February 19, 2021 at 09:01 AM

GM

“ Dear Debbie, I'm so sorry to hear about Mike. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Also with your family. May God grant all of you peace during this time.
I'll always remember the fun times we all had at your home with the family reunions.
Always remember the fun times you two shared together.
May God grant all of you peace and comfort.
Mike will be forever in the hearts of all of you.
God bless you.
Love
Cousin George

George Mack - February 19, 2021 at 08:59 AM

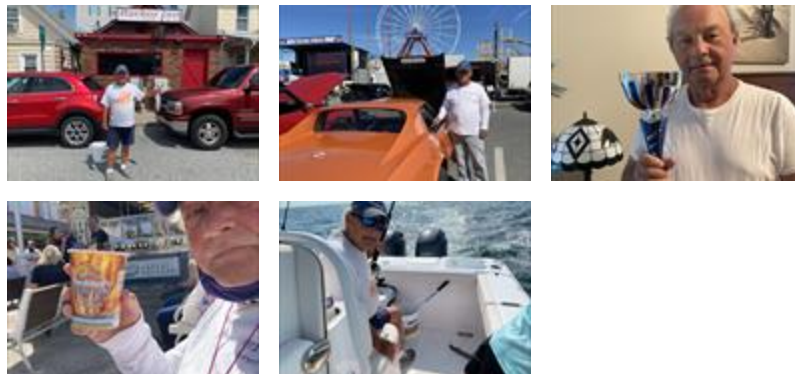
CG

“ Deepest sympathy! Thinking of the family and friends at this difficult time sending lots of love and prayers for all. So happy Mike is at peace now! Heaven received another angel!

cindy grachik - February 16, 2021 at 09:41 PM

KG

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Kristie Grachik - February 16, 2021 at 09:17 PM

KG

“ *Dad*

I miss you so much. It's heartbreaking to lose my dad and best friend all at once. You were and are my rock. When we meet again across the sky, we'll start a new beginning of another life.

I LOVE YOU DAD

Kristie

Kristie Grachik - February 16, 2021 at 09:12 PM

KG

“ *Mike, Sierra, Hunter, Kolby and I are forever grateful having you in our lives. Until we meet again we love you*



Kristie Grachik - February 16, 2021 at 09:07 PM