



Michael Jerome Downey Sr.

March 14, 1943 - December 19, 2019

Michael Jerome Downey, Sr. of Chester, MD, died Thursday, December 19, 2019, at his home surrounded by his family. He was 76 years old.

Born March 14, 1943, in Washington, DC, Michael was the son of the late Bernard and Philomena Downey. He was raised in the District of Columbia, where he attended St. Aloysius. Later his family moved to Silver Spring, MD, and he attended Northwood High School. Shortly after, Michael enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served with Special Forces in Cuba, Panama, and 13 months in Vietnam.

In 1967, he married Rita Bailey. They were blessed with four children and lived much of their married life in College Park, MD. Michael spent most of his career working in the fire protection industry. In 2004, Michael and Rita followed their love for the water, fishing, and boating by building their dream home on Crab Alley Bay in Chester, MD. This is where he and Rita enjoyed the fruits of their labor and celebrated life with their children and grandchildren.

Michael is survived by his loving wife, Rita Downey of Chester, MD; daughter, Kathleen Downey of Chester, MD; three sons, Michael Downey, Jr. (Nanci) of Owings, MD, John Downey of Chester, MD, and Joseph Downey (Marni) of Davidsonville, MD; six grandchildren, Michael, Savannah, Bailey, John Peter,

Vincent and Rachael Downey; Brothers, Bernard Downey (Margaret) of Adelphi, MD, and James Downey (Vivian) of Mechanicsville, MD.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2019. Family and friends are invited to a memorial visitation from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. Christopher's Catholic Church in Chester, MD. The funeral Mass will immediately follow at noon.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Anthony Catholic School, c/o Michael Thomasian, 3400 12th Street NE, Washington, DC 20017.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church
1861 Harbor Drive
Chester, MD

Memorial Service

JAN 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church
1861 Harbor Drive
Chester, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Jerome Downey Sr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Michael Jerome Downey Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Michael Jerome Downey Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *To the Downey family; offering our deepest condolences and prayers as you lay to rest your beloved husband, father and grandfather. From death comes new life in the Lord. Be comforted that he is at peace and will be your guardian from above.*
Silvia and John Hill

silvia hill - January 04, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ *Thinking of the family as you honor a great husband, father, friend, and amazing man. Loved watching that video of Mike remembering the marines. All our love. Greg and stephanie*

Stephanie H Brown - January 04, 2020 at 10:25 AM

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“ *Absolute Fire Protection purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Michael Jerome Downey Sr..*



Absolute Fire Protection - January 03, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Jerome Downey Sr..*



January 03, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Jerome Downey Sr..*



January 03, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Michael Jerome Downey Sr..*



January 02, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ *Rays of Light Spray* was purchased for the family of Michael Jerome Downey Sr..



January 02, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity* was purchased for the family of Michael Jerome Downey Sr..



January 02, 2020 at 10:13 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Michael Jerome Downey Sr..



January 02, 2020 at 08:57 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Michael Jerome Downey Sr..



January 02, 2020 at 08:19 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Michael Jerome Downey Sr.*



December 31, 2019 at 03:25 PM



“ *Warren Kelly Hagen* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of *Michael Jerome Downey Sr.*



Warren Kelly Hagen - December 31, 2019 at 01:55 PM



“ *Orlando Lopez* purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of *Michael Jerome Downey Sr.*



Orlando Lopez - December 31, 2019 at 09:35 AM



“ *JR & Jodi Usher* purchased the *Large Basket Garden* for the family of *Michael Jerome Downey Sr.*



JR & Jodi Usher - December 30, 2019 at 01:38 PM

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“ *Pete, Anthony, Matt and Shawn purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Michael Jerome Downey Sr..*



Pete, Anthony, Matt and Shawn - December 26, 2019 at 02:00 PM



“ *April Rieken lit a candle in memory of Michael Jerome Downey Sr.*



April Rieken - December 23, 2019 at 09:31 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Jerome Downey Sr..*



December 23, 2019 at 06:34 PM