



## Michael J. Jacobs

May 17, 1941 - July 17, 2022

Michael (“Mike”) J. Jacobs passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, July 17, 2022, at the age of 81, surrounded by his loving family.

Mike was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and grew up in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. In his youth, Mike was an avid outdoorsman and Eagle Scout. His continued dedication to scouting inspired all three of his grandsons to follow in his footsteps to achieve the rank of Eagle scout in honor of their grandfather.

After high school, Mike attended the United States Coast Guard Academy, graduating in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering and a commission as an officer in the Coast Guard.

During his 24 years of service in the Coast Guard, he served on the Coast Guard ships the Eastwind and the Eagle and has sailed throughout the Antarctic, the Panama Canal, Europe, and the Atlantic.

Mike attended law school at the National Law Center of the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., graduating with honors with a juris doctor degree in February 1971. Following law school, Mike was assigned to various legal assignments on the east and west coasts, including a four-year assignment as the legal officer for the Coast Guard in Hawaii. He

was instrumental in helping to draft the federal law of the sea and has traveled to virtually every island in the Pacific on which the United States had a presence to act as attorney and/or judge in our military courts.

Mike retired from the Coast Guard with the rank of Commander in 1983, and moved with his family to Easton, Maryland where he entered private practice as a civil litigator, later forming a partnership with his daughter with whom he practiced law for 26 years.

Mike dedicated his life to family, service and the community. Amongst other awards, he received the Thurgood Marshall Legacy Award from the Talbot County branch of the NAACP and the lifelong service award from the Easton Rotary Club.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Maureen A. Jacobs; his daughter, Melanie Barney and her husband Bruce Barney; his son, Jason Jacobs; his grandchildren whom he adored, Jack Barney, Deanna Jacobs, Griffin Barney and Nicholas Jacobs; and his beloved niece and goddaughter Cordelia Nemeyer.

Mike was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Edith Jacobs and his two brothers, Paul and Richard Jacobs.

A mass and celebration of his life will be held at Sts. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church located 1210 S. Washington Street, Easton, MD, on July 22, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions in his memory can be made to the Melanoma Research Foundation (MRF) (<https://melanoma.org/>) or to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (<https://svdpeastonmd.org/giving#onlinedonation>).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JUL **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church  
1210 S. Washington St  
Easton, MD 21601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael J. Jacobs*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Michael J. Jacobs*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Michael J. Jacobs*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Thinking of all of you today as you celebrate the life of your husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. Praying your happy memories give you peace and comfort during this challenging time. Mike was truly and incredible man and I can't even begin to imagine how deeply he will be missed.*

**Shannon Keough** - July 22, 2022 at 07:06 PM



“ *Melissa Warrington And Late Husband lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Jacobs*



**Melissa Warrington and late husband** - July 22, 2022 at 05:53 PM



“ *Caring Condolences Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Michael J. Jacobs.*



July 22, 2022 at 12:52 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Michael J. Jacobs.*



July 22, 2022 at 12:31 AM



“ *Patricia Teale lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Jacobs*



**Patricia Teale** - July 21, 2022 at 09:25 PM



“ *Such a gentleman always. The Maryland Bar has truly suffered a great loss. My condolences to his entire family.*

**Kimberly Kline** - July 21, 2022 at 08:20 PM

JK

“ To your family, I'm sending prayers for your peace and comfort.

*Mike and I were on the Solo and Small Firm Section of the Maryland State Bar Association. He was involved in a substantive way in developing a new program called "Lunch and Learn" As a new member of the council Mike was supportive, welcoming and I appreciated his kindness most of all. He will be missed.*  
*Jillian Kindlund, Attorney Leesburg, Virginia*



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**Jillian Marie Kindlund** - July 21, 2022 at 04:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael J. Jacobs.



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July 21, 2022 at 04:25 PM

RB

“ Richard and Irene Brown purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Michael J. Jacobs.



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**Richard and Irene Brown** - July 21, 2022 at 12:21 PM

FP

“ Fondly, Marilyn Pittle purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael J. Jacobs.



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**Fondly, Marilyn Pittle** - July 21, 2022 at 08:59 AM

BS

“ BSA Seafood purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael J. Jacobs.



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**BSA Seafood** - July 21, 2022 at 08:50 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael J. Jacobs.



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July 20, 2022 at 08:21 PM

JF

“ To your family I extend my deepest sympathy during this difficult time. And I know that Mike is in the house of the Lord and he is in paradise.



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**John Flack** - July 20, 2022 at 07:21 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael J. Jacobs.



July 20, 2022 at 07:12 PM



“ Laurie, Richard, Janet & all purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.fhnf.unerahome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Michael J. Jacobs.

Laurie, Richard, Janet & all - July 20, 2022 at 04:40 PM



“ Laurie lit a candle in memory of Michael J. Jacobs



Laurie - July 20, 2022 at 04:16 PM



I am heartbroken about Mike's passing. He has been my stalwart attorney during the most difficult period of my life. He always had my back, with professionalism, reassurance, and a laugh to lighten the load. Mike was literally a godsend and a gem, the best of the best. Words can't express everything I'm feeling with this huge loss. My heart goes out to Melanie - my other beloved attorney/Mike's law partner - and Mike's whole family. Rest well, my friend. 🙏😭

Laurie - July 20, 2022 at 04:32 PM

DK

“ David, Wendy, Tyler, Riley, Kelsey,Piper purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael J. Jacobs.



David, Wendy, Tyler, Riley, Kelsey,Piper - July 20, 2022 at 03:35 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael J. Jacobs.



July 20, 2022 at 03:34 PM

WS

“ With much respect, Shara purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.fhnfuneralhome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Michael J. Jacobs.

With much respect, Shara - July 20, 2022 at 02:23 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael J. Jacobs.



July 20, 2022 at 01:41 PM

AH

“ I so value my trip to the Holy Land with Mike and Maureen in 2016. I have wonderful photos and memories of being with Mike and a wonderful group from SSPP. God see Maureen through this and God Speed Mike to his final reward. Alex Handy

Alex Handy - July 20, 2022 at 01:23 PM

MK

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was not only my lawyer but became a friend. I will always remember him with his beautiful smile. My heart goes out to Maureen and his family.

Margaret Knussman - July 20, 2022 at 09:26 AM

JW

“ Our prayers to the family.

Jeff & Tracy Whitzel - July 20, 2022 at 07:33 AM

PF

“ So very sorry to learn of Mike's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with Maureen and the entire family.



Phil Foster - July 20, 2022 at 03:37 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael J. Jacobs.



July 19, 2022 at 09:18 PM

JH

“ *Michael,  
Your friendship these past forty years holds so many wonderful memories. I could always turn to you for advice and understanding. Your diligence and professionalism in the courtroom earned you the title of “the Easton Bulldog. I am so glad so are in the hands of the LORD and at peace*

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**John Hurt** - July 19, 2022 at 07:38 PM



“ *Rotary meetings and gym days will never be the same, Mike. Your energy was the best. Rest well my friend.*

*Lonnie Green*

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**Lonnelle Green** - July 19, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - July 19, 2022 at 02:35 PM

JM

“ *Mike was a pro and a really great guy to deal with. Proud to have known and worked with him over the years.  
Jerry McConnell*

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**Jerry McConnell** - July 19, 2022 at 12:20 PM