



Michael F. Banscher

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After living with cancer for 10 years, Mike Banscher passed away at home in Annapolis on September 4, 2022, five days after turning 74. He was born and raised in southern NJ. After exploring a possible vocation to the Jesuit priesthood, he pursued a career as an English teacher and relocated to Annapolis. Eventually he earned a second Master's Degree (Community Development) and began working at the Community Action Agency on West Street until he was hired as Housing Program Director for the AA County Department of Aging. He held that position for 25 years until his retirement in 2014. During much of that time he taught English part-time at PG and AA Community Colleges. A long-time member of St. Mary's Church, he served in numerous ministries. An avid reader, Mike also enjoyed watching the Phillies, Orioles, Villanova basketball and Notre Dame football. He loved the ocean.

Mike is survived by his wife of 22 years, Deirdre Elmore Banscher; stepdaughter Rachel Elmore of Queens, NY; stepson Christian (Nikki) and grandson Arik Elmore of Arbutus, MD; brother Roland (Lois) Banscher of Annapolis, sister Mary Goldy of Aurora, CO, and nephew Joshua (Sirina) Banscher of Stafford, VA. He is predeceased by his parents Horace and Theresa Banscher, brothers Robert and Joseph Banscher, and nephew John Banscher.

A public visitation will be held on Friday, September 9 at Lasting Tributes, 814 Bestgate Road, Annapolis MD 21401 from 11 am to 3 pm. A time of Shared Memories will begin at 1 pm for family and friends to share remarks and stories. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Saturday, September 10 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 620 N. Bestgate Road, Annapolis, MD 21401 at 9 am. A green burial graveside service will immediately follow at Bestgate Memorial Park. Both the time of Shared Memories on Friday and the funeral mass on Saturday will be livestreamed for those who are unable to attend.



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Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Society, Wellness House of Annapolis, or any organization of your choice.

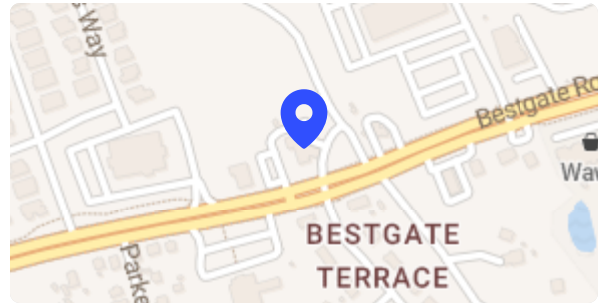


Visitation

Friday, September 9, 2022

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM ET

Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care
814 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis MD 21401



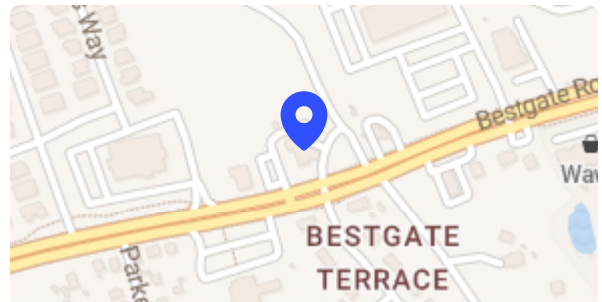
Time of Shared Memories

Friday, September 9, 2022

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM ET

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This event will be livestreamed.



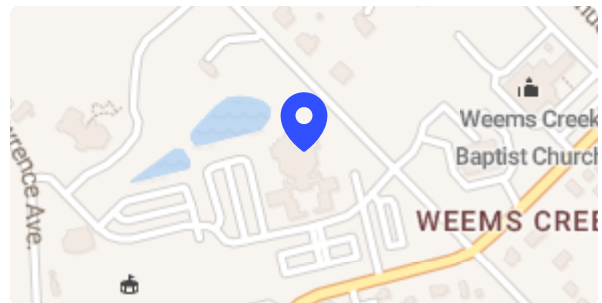
Mass of Christian Burial

Saturday, September 10, 2022

9:00 AM ET

St. John Neumann Catholic Church
620 N. Bestgate Road, Annapolis MD

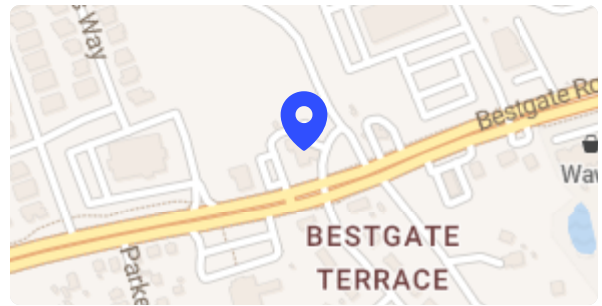
This event will be livestreamed on St. Mary's Catholic Church website.





Cemetery Details

📍 **Green Burial by Lasting Tributes at Bestgate Memorial Park**
814 Bestgate Road, Annapolis MD 21401

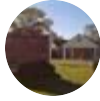




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Lasting Tributes shared a **Webcast Video**.



September 9 at 6:52 AM



Tom Enns posted:

Our deepest sympathies to Mike's family.I knew Mike through his visits with my brother, John Enns. One thing I would like to say about him is that is he was one the nicest and most decent people I have known.We shared a common interest in reading, and one of my favorite books, "All the Kings Men" by Robert Penn Warren, was also a favorite of Mike's. We would get a kick out of sharing our memories on parts of that book.Mike is missed by us all.Tom and Julie Enns

September 10 at 5:15 PM



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September 10 at 4:57 PM



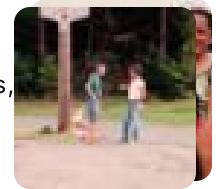
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John Enns shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Hi, relatives and friends of Mike Bansch. My deepest sympathy to Deirdre, Chris, Rachel, Mary, Roland, Lois, relatives and friends. I attended the live stream of the time of sharing memories, along with my wife, daughter, and son-in-law. This is what I would have said if I been at the funeral home in person: I would just like to share a few memories of Mike as we celebrate his life, a life well lived. As I wrote to Deirdre earlier, "I was so lucky to have met Mike some 40 years ago, randomly as a house mate in College Park, and that we stayed in touch. I always felt a special bond with Mike, and we could always talk for hours, even though we may not have been in contact for a while." Mike was a storyteller of life experiences, and he saw the love, humor, and essence of those people and experiences. Mike was a lector at my wife's and my wedding, and he participated in many of our family events through the years. He had a big impact on me and our family. Mike and I had a lot of conversations about religion, our loved ones, literature, politics, current events, and many other topics. In those conversations, Mike would fondly talk about Deirdre, Chris, and Rachel. He also talked fondly about times when he and his brothers Joe and Roland went on retreat during Lent, and about his sister Mary. As you may know, Mike strongly believed in social justice - he didn't just talk about it, but did it: work with the elderly, Habitat for Humanity with Roland, prison ministry, and other ministries at church. I'm sure that his interest for serving the poor was strongly influenced by his father giving the vegetables that he had not sold with his business at the end of the day to the sisters at the convent. He would talk about his father, mother, and aunt. He related a story about his aunt having a martini each day - made just a certain way. Mike taught me how to make a martini, gin and tonics, and Manhattans. His secret: Use lots of ice. I could go on and on about all the various stories and experiences that I had the privilege to share with Mike. These words I shared seem wholly inadequate to capture the essence of Mike that I so richly enjoyed when we were together. Mike was one of those rare friends that we have in life who are truly special. I will dearly miss him. Celia, Mia, Jesper, and Peter join me in sending our condolences. --John Enns

September 7 at 7:10 AM



Renee & Lee Slagle lit a candle in honor of Michael.



Our love and prayers are with you Deirdre and your family. We are so sorry for your loss of Mike. He was a good man and husband. Wish we could be with you at the services this weekend. Renee & Lee

September 8 at 3:20 PM



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LB

Lillian Bradleygares posted:

Mike and I attended high school together. He was a quiet and gentle person. You always felt he would stand by you even if you were not best buddies. He had a very nice face. I sorry for you lost. May the angels surround you with comfort. Lil Bradley(Gares)

September 8 at 11:00 AM

LB

Lillian Bradleygares lit a candle in honor of Michael.



September 8 at 10:54 AM

MA

Maryann posted:

Deirdre, please accept my deepest sympathies. Mike was such a wonderful man.

September 8 at 5:54 AM

KY

Kyle posted:

My thoughts are with Rachel and family. I'm glad that I got to know Mike through the stories Rachel has shared and hope you find moments of fond memories of Mike in this difficult time.

September 7 at 4:03 PM

FS

Fannie M Sumter lit a candle in honor of Michael.



September 7 at 9:29 AM

RM

Ralph Martino September 10 at 1:30 PM

Deirdre, I'm so sorry for your loss. I didn't know Mike, but evidently, he had a rich, full life here on earth with you and his family. May he rest in peace. God bless you all. Ralph



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Anonymous sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Banscher family.



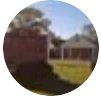
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John, Peter, Mike, & Mia



Mia, Mike, & John



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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