



Michael Musachio

December 30, 1931 - August 24, 2023

Michael Ben Musachio of Ridgely, MD, passed away on 24 August 2023 at the age of 91. Born December 30, 1931, he was the son of Michael and Lena Musachio. He and his sisters Connie, Celeste, and Carol grew up in Tuckahoe, NY, where their father owned a grocery store and the bakery next door.

As a child, Michael filled his days working at his father's store and bakery, spending time with his many friends and cousins, catching the train into the city to see movies and to Long Island to be spoiled by his beloved grandparents and to wander around his favorite pet store, which fostered his lifelong love of pigeons.

His interest in poultry and agriculture prompted him to attend the Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute after graduating from Eastchester High School. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in animal husbandry from the University of Georgia and his master's degree in Sanitary Science from the University of North Carolina.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and then went on to own a poultry farm, become a health inspector for New York State, and eventually become an officer in the United States Public Health Service (USPHS). It was at his first post at the PHS Indian Hospital in Shiprock, NM, that he met the love of his life, Anne Garron, who predeceased him in 2017. Mike, Anne, and their children moved to Wheaton, MD, when he accepted a position at NIH in Bethesda, MD. He retired from the USPHS in 1980. In

anticipation of his retirement, he and his family moved in 1979 to Ridgely, where he fulfilled a dream of owning a small farm, specializing in U-pick strawberries and blueberries. He also enjoyed selling a variety of fruits and vegetables at farmers' markets in the Washington, D.C. and northern Virginia area.

His other passion was racing homing pigeons. He spent countless hours in his lofts, on the road training his birds, and at the club houses spending time swapping stories with fellow pigeon aficionados.

Mike will be remembered for his ready smile, his wit, charm, excellent home-made pizza, and dedication to his Catholic faith. He and his wife traveled to religious sites throughout the world, including those in Jerusalem, Portugal (Fatima), Spain (Garabandal) and Bosnia and Herzegovina (Medugorje). He was an active parishioner at St. Benedict's in Ridgely, where he was a founding member of the St. Joan of Arc chapter of the Knights of Columbus. He is survived by his loving children and their spouses Michael (Diane), Marie (Emil), John (Sue), 10 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. A son, Robert, predeceased him.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held on August 31st at 11 a.m. at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Ridgely with visitation one hour prior. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Greensboro. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Compass Regional Hospice or St. Benedict's Catholic Church.

To share memories and condolences, please visit fleegleandhelfenbein.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Benedict's Catholic Church
408 Central Avenue
Ridgely, MD 21660

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG **31**. 11:00 AM.

St. Benedict'S Catholic Church

Interment

AUG **31** (ET)

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery
Greensboro Road
Greensboro, MD 21639

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Musachio*

October 08, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Michael Musachio*

October 06, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *Mike was such a sweet, deeply devout man whose presence will be very much missed by our parish family -- Holy Mass, breakfasts, the Knights' flower and vegetable sales, bazaars, festivals and all other social gatherings. Our condolences to all the Musachio Family. God bless you, Mike! Pray for us!*



Maureen Duggan-Cassidy - August 31, 2023 at 09:02 AM



“ *On our road trip to California with Uncle Bennie, Aunt Sadie, Aunt Millie, Aunt Lenny, Carol and myself, we had a side trip to Albuquerque to visit Michael and Anne. Uncle Bennie drove on Route 666 up and down hills in the middle of nowhere. Uncle Bennie said “Nobody would live here.” Carol said “ My brother, Michael, would.” We all burst out laughing. ❤️ We had a wonderful visit with lots of laughs.*

Joan Giattino - August 29, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Musachio.



August 29, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ Mike and Fay Schaefer purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Michael Musachio.



Mike and Fay Schaefer - August 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ Mike and Fay Schaefer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Musachio.

Mike and Fay Schaefer - August 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Michael Musachio.



August 27, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Musachio.

August 27, 2023 at 12:44 PM

GI

“ Mike has been a part of most Masses we have attended since 1991. He was reverent, quiet, pleasant and very helpful and knowledgeable. We have enjoyed his friendship over the years; as well as working with him on the Cemetery Committee and the Knights of Columbus. May God bless his soul and welcome him home.

Gene and Cyndy

G & C Ingram - August 25, 2023 at 05:00 PM

RP

“ Mike was a good friend, and we enjoyed a number of years when he and I would plan the annual vegetable and flower sales as part of the Knights of Columbus annual activity in support of a diocesan seminarian. I remember many trips with him to the Amish vegetable auctions in Pennsylvania, and in planning the details and pricing of and for those sales. Mike and I were also frequent companions with our breakfasts together over the years where we could sit and visit about our two similar Italian families and the traditions and meals, we used to talk about during our time together. I will miss my dear and wonderful friend; and, we will have him in our daily prayers and rosaries for his intentions. May God bless you dear friend. Margie & I will both miss you so very much.

Richard Palazzolo - August 25, 2023 at 03:13 PM

AF

“ We'll miss this holy man. Heaven gained a new saint. My sincere condolences to his family.

Anne Fountain - August 25, 2023 at 02:49 PM

LP

“ Mike was a devoted member of the St. Benedict/St. Elizabeth parish family and was such a kind and gentle man. He had a deep faith and spread joy wherever he went. He will be remembered lovingly by all those who knew him. I will always remember him fondly and will think of him whenever I harvest the blueberries in my back yard. Sending prayers of comfort and peace to the entire Musachio family.

Lori Parks - August 25, 2023 at 02:07 PM