



Michael P. Scanland

October 5, 1946 - January 10, 2021

Michael P. Scanland passed away on Sunday, January 10, 2021. He was born in Dallas, TX on October 5, 1946 and passed away at his home in The Villages, FL. He began his career enlisting in the US Army in December 1965 as an E1, furthered his education as a graduate of the University of Tampa, later being appointed as a Warrant Officer and then a commissioned officer, ultimately retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.

He lived and worked much of his military career in Europe and Asia. In October 1992, he became a Department of Defense civilian, attaining the grade of GS15 in the Military Intelligence Civilian Excepted Career Program, where he continued to protect the country against foreign enemies. He retired from civilian service in July 2012 due to multiple health issues arising from his exposure to the toxic chemical Agent Orange in the Republic of Vietnam, that eventually lead to his death. Much of Michael's life is the stuff about which novels are written, but cannot be discussed. While he lived, he was an inspiration of wit and intelligence and gave mentorship to hundreds of intelligence professionals. His accomplishments are known in the halls of the Pentagon, the CIA and FBI.

Michael was an invaluable asset to the intelligence community and has been lauded and decorated for his untiring efforts in thwarting those who would do harm to America's National Security.

At his death Michael was attended by his wife Ann Scanland of 38 years and sons Edward (wife Trisha) Perry and Christopher (wife Tracy) Perry, as well as lifelong friends Peter Conway of Trappe, MD and Norman R. Runk of Jacksonville, FL. Michael is survived by his brother Terry (wife Louise) Scanland and son, Christopher M. Scanland. He was preceded in death by parents Col. William P. and Inez B. Scanland; siblings Patrick Scanland, Brian Scanland and Kathy Scanland; and son Erich B. Scanland. Shortly after Michael's death his son Christopher Perry passed away suddenly on February 1, 2021.

The Scanlands have seven grandchildren: Samantha, Natasha, Kaitlyn, Anna, Brielle, Dominick and Chloe; nine great grandchildren and numerous extended family. The Scanlands lived in Maryland for over three decades and moved to The Villages in 2016. It was Michael's request that he be cremated and, at an appropriate time, his ashes be strewn upon the waters of the Chesapeake Bay, MD. A memorial to honor his request is being planned for the spring of 2021 in Maryland.

Military Awards: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star (2 Awards), Air Force Commendation Medal, Defense Meritorious Medal

Civilian Awards: Career Achievement Award for Counterintelligence, DOD National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal (2 Awards)

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donations to the American Diabetes Association or Cornerstone Hospice Foundation at 352-742-6819.

Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL.

Tribute Wall

TB

“ I am so sorry to just now find out about Mike's passing. My belated condolences go out to all of Mike's family. I see so many names on here that are familiar that I've not seen or heard in many years. I first met Mike at INSCOM just prior to his retirement and our connection was immediate. Our connection actually pre-dated our first meeting back to when he worked CI with my dad in Vietnam and said my dad took a young officer under his wing and helped him learn the ropes. Mike paid it forward over the years and did the same for many other young CI troops over the years. At our first meeting it was as though the connection we shared decades apart brought us instantly together as though we had been friends for years. Mike was indeed a great intel guy and great person. I'm sorry for your loss.

*Respectfully,
Tim Bane*

Tim Bane - May 01 at 03:37 PM

RR

“ Anne, we all share in the sadness of your losses. Though I did not know Chris, Mike was very central to my life, both professionally and personally. You two always embraced your friends and acquaintances as though they were your extended family. You welcomed us, and Mike always treated us fairly, respecting our dignity and treating us as we all would want to be treated. An inspiration for any leader and with you, set an example for many families. How could one not want to emulate such greatness and empathy? I will fondly remember those many funny moments and surprisingly inspirational times that Mike made possible when they were needed most. Our prayers are with you.

Bob Rendon

Robert Rendon - March 02, 2021 at 06:02 AM

KW

“ Mike Scanland was probably the best all-around intelligence officer I've ever known, and even with his intense focus on mission, he always had time for friends, colleagues and the young folks coming up. He'll be missed enormously.

Keith Wanamaker - February 16, 2021 at 04:19 PM

JE

“ Mike was one of those people you meet in your lifetime who impacts you on many levels. The years serving together bonded us. We have been in almost daily touch through email for the last at least 10 Years. We even traded jokes when he was really ill. I will miss my friend till I die.

Jerry Evans - February 16, 2021 at 12:56 PM

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“ May 1971, the Delta, Vietnam. I sit in the twilight. The Ops Sergeant runs out to me and says, 'Major there is an Ops Immediate phone call for you from Saigon.' Thinking big stuff ready to happen. I pick up the phone. The sweet voices of Lt Mike Scanland, CWOs Jerry Britton, Joe Strok and Jim Reynolds (Mike's room mate) sing this song to me:

"Next Thanksgiving, Next Thanksgiving, Save the bread, Save the bread, Shove it up the turkey, Shove it up the turkey, Eat the bird, Eat the bird".

Then they wish me happy birthday.

That song is now a family tradition to be sung every Thanksgiving at the family dinner. A smaller family group sang it, knowing Mike was ill, in his honor Thanksgiving 2020

Sadly the last voice of that great quartet is silenced. The song will live on as a tradition and memory of my great friend.

Jerry Evans, Ltc Ret, served with Mike in Vietnam and was his boss in Munich

Gerald C Evans (Jerry) - February 16, 2021 at 12:39 PM

PB

“ It was a distinct pleasure to have known Mike and to have worked alongside him for my entire career. He was an inspiration and a friend both at work and at rest. His impact for me is immeasurable and am a better man for having known him. He will be forever missed.

Phil Bender - February 16, 2021 at 10:23 AM

SL

“ It was a distinct honor and privilege to know and work with Mike over several years. He was a definite example of true professionalism. He was a true friend and colleague and many great times were spent professionally and socially. Condolences to his family at this time. God bless him and his family.

Skip Letterman - February 16, 2021 at 09:11 AM

JR

“ All of our thoughts, prayers and heartfelt sympathies are with Anne and family. Mike, you were an inspiration to all who knew you. You were always approachable, always helpful, and a true patriot. You left this world better than you found it and I am honored to have known you.

Jim Rylander - February 16, 2021 at 08:19 AM

NC

“ My heartfelt sympathies to Ann and the family. Mike was a mentor to me throughout my 31 year career and was a shining light whose advice I sought. He loved the Army, our craft and his family. We have lost a patriot, an inspiration and a very decent and kind human being. Rest In Peace soldier.

Nick Ciccarello - February 16, 2021 at 05:21 AM

JM

“ I would like to express my deepest condolences to Anne and other family members of Mike Scanland a dear friend and mentor of mine. Mike was a "national treasure" given his unique knowledge in counterintelligence and intelligence matters. A true patriot, he will be missed by many as he was loved by all who knew him. God bless Mike and his family.

James Macfarlane - February 15, 2021 at 09:07 PM

CC

“ Mike was a wonderful person who made the world a little brighter. It was a honor to call him friend.
My sympathy to his wife Ann and the entire family.

christine chandler - February 15, 2021 at 08:44 PM

RG

“ Anne, I really am at a loss for words. My condolences on the recent loss of Michael. You know, probably better than all his FCA/SOD friends, that Michael was bigger than life, an inspiration to all of us, and a mentor and friend to us. He will be greatly missed! Prayers for you and the family.

Robert (Wally) Gaiter - February 15, 2021 at 08:29 PM

NS

“ The greatest PopPop the world has ever known. Thankful for the years of memories we shared and that you are in Heaven with dad. Keep your arms around us all especially mom and Grammom. Love you always and forever ❤️

Natasha Summers - February 15, 2021 at 07:41 PM

RM

“ Michael was one of the greatest human beings I have ever known. He always helped those around him and always did what he could to lift one's spirits. I will miss him dearly. Ann, I am praying for you.

Randy McGrew - February 15, 2021 at 07:30 PM

TP

“ We miss you very much Poppop💕 Make sure you look out for your boys up there and we will all take care of things back here 😊

Tracy Perry - February 15, 2021 at 05:06 PM