

Michael Louis Sheppeck



Michael (Mike) Louis Sheppeck, Jr.: beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather, and cherished friend, passed away peacefully on September 27, 2026.

He was born to the late Michael and Genevieve Sheppeck (nee Douglas) on March 28, 1939, in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas where his father was stationed in the Army. Mike graduated from Gonzaga High School in Washington, D.C. in 1956 and from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1960. He chose an Army commission at Fort Meade, MD. While there, he met his partner for life, Mary Ellen (Mary), then a student at Goucher College.

Mike was ordered to Germany, so he and Mary married in 1961 before he left. Mike graduated from Purdue University in 1966 with a master's degree in Aeronautics & Astronautics

Engineering, designing equipment for the lunar landings. Mike was stationed in the Dominican Republic and Korea before returning to the states in 1968 to teach engineering at West Point. While teaching, he also coached the water polo team to a national championship. In 1971, after being together as a family for three years in one place, Mike decided to retire from the military. It was then that he, Mary, and their six children moved to Clifton Park. Mike took a position with NY Telephone (Verizon). One of his projects was managing the installation of fiber optics for transmitting live television and video during the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid. During his long career with the phone company, Mike completed a three-year program with deaconate ministry through the Albany Diocese. He was ordained in 1979. Mike served as a deacon for 29 years at Corpus Christi Church in Ushers, NY. During this time, he was able to officiate at the weddings and baptisms of many of his own children and grandchildren. The ecumenical aspect of ministry was important to Mike. At Thanksgiving in 2003, he preached for a gathering of seven different Christian churches.

Mike is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Mary (nee Mumford), his six children: Michael, Anne Dyer (Chris), John (Sue), Eve Chieco (Phil), Leah Wallner (Mike), and David (Marianne), as well as his grandchildren: Kailyn, Kirsten (Mike), Rachael (Dustin), Morgan (Michael), Sarah, Matt, Philip (Marie), Greg (Lucy), Griffin, Bianca, and Zach. He is also survived by four great-grandchildren: Lucas, Max, Crew and Collins. Mike is predeceased by his brother, Jim (Jacque) and his sisters, Cathy Narita (Ken) and Marylou, and is survived by several nieces and nephews. Mike was deeply dedicated to his family. With six growing children, there were many opportunities for projects and activities. He and his tribe enjoyed hiking in the Adirondacks and fishing in local lakes. Mike built an ice rink in the backyard for the kids to skate and slide. He planted a variety of fruit trees: apple, plum and cherry. With the help of his kids, he pressed apples for cider, churned homemade ice cream, and baked delicious confections. Mike was committed to being physically fit. He was a competitive swimmer and a biking fanatic. Mike perfected craft brewing and generously shared his beer with family and friends, keeping a keg

in the garage fridge. As his grandchildren grew, attending their countless sporting events, soap box derby races, musical concerts and dance recitals were moments he treasured. His knack for photography captured these precious memories for his children.

Mike left a lasting impression on those who knew him, with his giving nature and active lifestyle. His memory will forever be treasured by family and friends, whose lives were touched by his kindness and love.

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