



Michael John Sakole III

February 3, 1942 - August 12, 2022

Michael John Sakole III, 80, of Manassas, VA, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, in the early morning hours of August 12, 2022. Mike is survived by his wife Joyce; his children, James Sakole (Donnie) of Clear Brook, VA, Cheryl Sakole of Leesburg, VA, and David Sakole (Jennifer) of Charles Town, WV; his two grandsons, Lucas and Nicholas Sakole of Charles Town, WV; his brothers, Patrick Sakole (Darrelene) of Sumter, SC, and Joseph Sakole (Phyllis) of Locust Grove, VA, and his sister Mary Lou Coyle of Centreville, VA; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Michael John Sakole and Edna Lou Day Sakole; two brothers, James Allen Sakole and John Robert Sakole; and his first-born daughter, Celina Maria Sakole.

Mike retired from the US Army in 1984 after twenty-five years of service and attaining the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4. He is a veteran who served two tours of duty in Vietnam (1966-1967 and 1969-1970). Upon his retirement, he went to work for a Department of Defense Contractor (Westar Corp) until he was medically retired in 2008.

Mike was a people person who enjoyed life to the fullest. He was also a prankster who was known for his "zingers." Mike and Joyce enjoyed taking cruises and traveling across the USA visiting National Parks until Mike's declining health intervened. Mike was a transplant recipient who believed in paying it forward. He and Joyce were volunteers for Meals on Wheels in Prince William County until the Covid pandemic prevented them from further

participation.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the 11th ACVVC Scholarship Fund, co/Ollie Pickral, 571 Ditchley Road, Kilmarnock, VA 22482; to Donate Life; or to a charity of your choice.

Interment with Full Military Honors at Arlington National Cemetery will be announced at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Reception

AUG **19**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home Celebration Room

9609 Center Street

Manassas, VA 20110

<https://www.piercefh.com/who-we-are/celebration-room>

Tribute Wall

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“ Mike was a remarkable gentleman, soldier, businessman, family man, and friend. We met in 1993 when he and the Cobro leadership team interviewed me for a job. After his retirement we talked at least once per month. I thank God for the blessing of Mike’s friendship. Rest In Peace. Larry Dandridge

w. Larry Dandridge - August 21, 2022 at 07:02 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael John Sakole III.



August 18, 2022 at 07:20 AM

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“ Joyce, James, Cheryl and David - please accept the condolences of the veterans of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment who served in Vietnam and Cambodia (11th ACVVC). Michael's name will be published in our newsletter, *Thunder Run*, and read at our annual reunion; this year in Birmingham. He will also be listed along with the other brave men who served with the *Legendary Blackhorse Regiment*. Chief Warrant Officer Sakole served honorably and well with the *Regimental Headquarters Troop* in 1966 and 1967; he was one of us, one of our own. May his soul, and all the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace. Chaplain Bill Karabinos, 11th ACVVC.

Blandin Karabinos - August 17, 2022 at 02:19 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael John Sakole III.*



August 17, 2022 at 02:02 PM



“ *Joe and Phyllis Sakole and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael John Sakole III.*



Joe and Phyllis Sakole and Family - August 17, 2022 at 10:37 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael John Sakole III.*



August 16, 2022 at 07:00 PM



“ *The Knight Family(aka Lori Campbell) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Michael John Sakole III.*



The Knight Family(aka Lori Campbell) - August 15, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Michael John Sakole III.*



August 15, 2022 at 08:37 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Michael John Sakole III.*



August 14, 2022 at 04:07 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Michael John Sakole III.*



August 14, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael John Sakole III.*



August 14, 2022 at 11:30 AM