



Col. Michael Francis Scanlon

February 23, 1939 - March 16, 2014

MICHAEL FRANCIS SCANLON, COL. USMC (Ret.), age 75, passed away on Sunday, March 16, 2014 at his home in Gainesville, VA.

Col. Scanlon was born on February 23, 1939 in Washington, D.C. to the late Michael and Catherine (Connor) Scanlon. He graduated from Gonzaga College High School in 1957 and was a 1961 graduate of Mount St. Mary's University. He served his country in the United States Marine Corps for 32 years.

Preceded in death by his parents and his sister: Eileen Scanlon Soldano.

He is survived by his loving bride of 49 years, Marie; children: Colleen S. Kikis, Dr. James M. Scanlon, Michael C. Scanlon and Daniel J. Scanlon; grandchildren: Jack Scanlon, Georgia Kikis, Pete Kikis, James Scanlon, Samantha Scanlon, David Scanlon, Christopher Scanlon, Jude Scanlon and Drew Scanlon and one sister: Kathleen Calder.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, March 21, 2014 at 11:30 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 8213 Linton Hall Road, Gainesville, VA with Rev. Thomas Vander Woude and Rev. John Cregan officiating. There will be a viewing 1 hour prior to the mass at the church. Interment will follow at Quantico National Cemetery with full military honors.

In Lieu of flowers, donations are requested to: Gonzaga College High School, 19 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001 or Mount St. Mary's University, c/o Class of 1961 Memorial Scholarship Fund, Old Emmittsburg Road, Emmittsburg, MD 21727 in loving memory of Col. Michael F. Scanlon.

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road
Triangle, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
8213 Linton Hall Road
Gainesville, VA 20155
<http://holytrinityparish.net/>

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Tribute Wall

JS

“ Dear Marie,

Mike's passing makes me really sad. I thought the world of him. He was an outstanding Marine and I enjoyed serving with him very much. I feel terrible for not attending Mike's funeral but just found out that he had died. You may not remember, but on 31 December 2012 we met unexpectedly at a restaurant in Fenwick. It was the best part of New Year's Eve for me----seeing Mike and Steve. We had some great times together in I&L during a difficult period. Mike was so professional. He always made sure we were taking care of the troops. He set a magnificent example for everyone and he made the Marine Corps a far better organization.

I wish for you and your Family all the best.

Sincerely and respectfully, Joe Stewart

joe stewart - March 31, 2014 at 08:40 AM

BE

“ My name is George (Bill) Edwards. I served in Truck Co, FLSG-A with then Capt M.F. Scanlon. Members of the Capt's outfit have been meeting for several years now. We often discussed how great it would be if we could see the Captain again. We will certainly be missing him now. Rest in peace, Capt'n.

bill edwards - March 28, 2014 at 11:32 AM

JO

“ Dear Marie,

Peter and I were saddened to learn of Mike's death. We met him through our adventures in Biloxi. He was such a wonderful member of our team and we loved working with him and Steve.

Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Joan McAllister

Joan - March 24, 2014 at 01:14 PM

AS

“ Captain Scanlon was my CO in Truck Company, 3rd FSR, Viet Nam. I remember Captain Scanlon as a tough, but fair company commander. He led from the front. I remember one day, upon his returning from leading a convoy to An Wa, we counted in excess of 100 bullet holes in his jeep, both windows shot out, the lining of his seat shot out by AK47 fire, the water can on the jeep shot off. He was cradling a Browning Automatic Rifle in his lap with numerous spent cartridges jingling on the floor of the jeep. Another trip resulted in the left front tire assembly being blown off by a mine. I appreciated the day he promoted me to corporal. My sincerest condolences to his family and his wife. I am aware that Colonel Scanlon did two tours of duty in Viet Nam, the second as a Battalion Commander of a Motor Transport Battalion. A good officer.

Dr. Allen Smith, Ph.D.

United States Marshal (Ret.)

Corporal, Semi Platoon

Truck Company

FLSG

Allen Smith - March 22, 2014 at 10:39 PM

VW

“ Marie,
My deepest condolences on the loss of your husband.
Although I didn't know him, I know he will be greatly missed. Hugs from your George Mason family!
Virginia (Ginny) Ward



Virginia Ward - March 20, 2014 at 04:01 PM

PM

“ My heart goes out to the friends and family of Mickey. He had a very charismatic, friendly personality and was liked by all who knew him. He won't be forgotten. May he rest in peace. I am sorry I can't be at his funeral but he will be in my thoughts.

Paul Marth

Gonzaga class of '57

Paul Marth - March 20, 2014 at 01:22 PM

EJ

“ I was saddened to hear of Mickey's passing. We were classmates at St. Michael's grade school. He was a great guy and admired by all of his classmates. May God bless his family with love, peace and happy memories .

Elizabeth Cantwell Johnson

Elizabeth Cantwell Johnson - March 20, 2014 at 01:15 PM

JC

Dear Betty, we were at St. Michaels and Holy Names together for a while. My sister Liz was friends with Mary Jane. I have often wondered about you. Jean O'CONNELL Calder

Jean O'Connell Calder - March 23, 2014 at 03:45 PM

BT

“ Bob and Christie Thornett purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Col. Michael Francis Scanlon.



Bob and Christie Thornett - March 19, 2014 at 04:17 PM

NH

“ Dear Marie,

I saw Mickey's obituary in the Post and want to send you and your family my prayers and best wishes. Mickey and my brother, Joe Lazzari, played varsity football at Gonzaga and I attended Our Lady of Sorrows with his sisters, Cathy and Eileen.

*Fondly,
Nancy Lazzari Hislop*

Nancy Hislop - March 19, 2014 at 02:09 PM

TM

“ I recognized the name and "face" immediately, but could not exactly place him. I emailed my sister(Becky McCollam/Flanagan) who knew him from St. Michael's school. He was Mickey then, loved by all the girls and admired by all the boys. A purposeful life well lived and enjoyed. My condolences to his family.
---William A. (Tony) McCollam

Tony McCollam - March 19, 2014 at 01:13 PM

JR

“ *Michael was a loyal customer of mine for so many years. He will always be with us. He brightened our days at the salon always smiling, telling jokes. He loved his wife, children and grandchildren even his water aerobics. He was always happy and loved his life. All the women at the salon loved his hair. He will be missed. Marie, I will be praying for you and your children during this difficult time.*
Jessica Rossie

Jessica Rossie - March 19, 2014 at 11:31 AM

SH

“ *Tom and Sheila Hayden: Marie, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Sheila Hayden - March 19, 2014 at 08:59 AM

CK

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Chuck and Karen - March 18, 2014 at 07:16 PM

PM

“ *Tom and Patsy Miller: We knew the Scanlon family in England when Tom and Mike worked together at Ruislip. Our son, Price Miller, was a friend of their boys who attended London Central High School. We share your grief, Marie, as you move forward to another chapter. We shall think of Mike when we go through Quantico. Patsy*

Patsy Miller - March 18, 2014 at 03:02 PM

CO

My husband Tom O'Brien who passed away in Jan 2012, went to Gonzaga and was a classmate of Mike. Are prayers are with you and your family. The O'Brien Family

Catherine O'Brien - March 23, 2014 at 08:52 AM

SM

My former Company Commander, Lt Chuck Carroll informed me last year that Michael F. Scanlon passed away. We had recently been discussing him and the direct impact he had on my life. I was a PFC/LCPL in 1972-1973 with "C" Company, 2nd Motor Transport Bn and LtCol Scanlon was the Battalion CO. The only real interaction I had with him was a blizzard in early 1973 that left US/UK Marines stranded in the field and we ended up working two sleepless days/nights getting them out of the field. The Battalion CO was there all of the time leading the effort. I also appeared in front of LtCol Scanlon for two meritorious promotion boards. The real impact was his recommendation/endorsement for me to attend the Naval Academy Prep School in Bainbridge, MD. I was accepted through his efforts and that of Lt. Carroll, and graduated with the Class of 1978 from USNA. I retired from the USMCR after 32 years in 2008. I was a helo pilot early in my Marine Corps career, but always remembered my motor T roots and those Marines that changed my life!

Stephen Maloney - December 28, 2017 at 07:45 AM

MM

I know this is so after the fact, but I was thinking of my former CO's, and decided to look them up. Col Scanlon was my CO in Okinawa, during my 1978-79 tour. I was his Supply Officer, and enjoyed my time working for him very much. Extremely good officer to work for. Can remember our Christmas Day when a group of his officers spent it at his house, with his wife and family. Made our time away from home easier. Major Michael McCarthy.

Major Michael McCarthy - January 29, 2024 at 02:55 PM