



Norman Michael "Mike" Bissell

October 18, 1938 - February 8, 2019

Norman "Mike" Bissell, age 80, of Marshfield, Massachusetts, died Thursday morning, February 7, 2019 surrounded by his family. Born October 18, 1938, in Boston, Massachusetts, he was the son of the late Norman F. Bissell and Agnes C. Bissell.

Mike spent his life in service. After graduating from the Virginia Military Institute in 1961, he served 26 years in the U.S. Army as a helicopter pilot. After his retirement from the military he returned to VMI as the school's commandant for four years. He then was instrumental in the development of the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership, the nation's only all-female corps of cadets, at Mary Baldwin College where he served as its commandant for 18 years.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Janice Emery Bissell; along with seven children; Gary Bissell of Lexington, Virginia, Mark Bissell of Fogelsville, Pennsylvania, Drew Bissell of Bristow, Virginia, Brooke Hartwell of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Kerri Brock of Bristow, Virginia, Collin Bissell of Lexington, Virginia, and Brandon Bissell of Clarksville, Tennessee; 18 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister, Fay Hession of Marshfield, Massachusetts; and many other loving nieces, nephews and relatives.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 pm, Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at Pierce

Funeral Home on 9609 Center Street in Manassas, Virginia. A Memorial service will be held at 10:30 am, Wednesday, February 13, 2018 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on 8213 Linton Hall Road in Gainesville, Virginia, with Father VanderWoude officiating. A reception will follow the Memorial Service from 12:30 until 3:00 pm at the home of Drew Bissell, 9210 Weatherford Drive, Bristow, Virginia. Burial will occur at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date (date and time will be published when confirmed). In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box 4527, New York, NY 10163 or www.nationalmssociety.org.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 13. 10:30 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
8213 Linton Hall Rd
Gainesville, VA 20155-2997
(703) 753-6700

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ *Rich Johnson lit a candle in memory of Norman Michael "Mike" Bissell*



Rich Johnson - March 16, 2019 at 04:25 PM

RJ

I was one of the lucky ones to have worked for Gen Bissell, we shared many hours in the air together. The most important time for me was the early morning hours we spent talking about the unit, family and life in general. He was a true gentleman that I will forever remember as the model for leadership and kindness. Rest in Peace Sir, I hope to see you on the other side.

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Rich Johnson - March 16, 2019 at 04:30 PM

JK

“ *Jeanette V Kukla lit a candle in memory of Norman Michael "Mike" Bissell*



Jeanette V Kukla - February 13, 2019 at 12:14 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Norman Michael "Mike" Bissell.*



February 11, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman Michael "Mike" Bissell.*



February 11, 2019 at 11:06 AM