



## Michael "Mike" Joseph Palmer

April 24, 2025

Michael "Mike" Joseph Palmer, age 74, passed away peacefully at his home in Woodbridge, Virginia on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Mike was born on September 10, 1950, in Topeka, Kansas, to William McCall Palmer and Agnes Catherine Primm Palmer. He grew up in Topeka and graduated from Hayden Catholic High School in 1968. Shortly after graduation, he proudly enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he bravely served during the Vietnam War.

Mike was known for his warm heart, work ethic, sense of humor, loyalty and humility. He dedicated his life to working in the steel erection business, primarily with Banker Steel and Williams Steel Erection. His career took him across the United States, where he oversaw projects at numerous colleges, stadiums, museums, hospitals, bridges, and airports, leaving a remarkable legacy in the construction industry. He had a profound impact on the lives of those around him, always lending a helping hand and inspiring others with his dedication.

Mike was married to Jeanne Ann Schuckman Palmer, the love of his life, with whom he shared fifty wonderful years. As a man of faith, he loved the Lord and was a devoted family man.

In his later years, Mike thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his

grandchildren and great grandchildren, proudly taking on the role of "Bauba."

Mike is preceded in death by his parents, William McCall Palmer and Agnes Catherine Primm Palmer, his sister Kathy Alford, and his children, Sarah Brackney and James Brackney.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Jeanne; children Charley Brackney (Stacey), John Brackney (Amanda), Chris Brackney, Kate Brackney, Ariel Liese (Bill), David Brackney, Michael R. Palmer, Kelly Cannady (Jeff), Amy Miller (Andy), Lesley Palmer (Gerardo), Bryan Palmer. He also leaves behind many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who were the light of his life.

Mike is also survived by his brothers James Palmer, William Palmer, Timothy Palmer, and his sister Mary Pat Oliver.

A visitation will take place at 10:30 AM, followed by a funeral mass at 11:00 AM on May 08, 2025. The event will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, located at 12975 Purcell Rd, Manassas, VA 20112. Friends and family are warmly invited to gather and celebrate his life during this meaningful occasion. Pallbearers: John Brackney, Michael Palmer, Bryan Palmer, Jeff Cannady, Andy Miller and Gerardo Rodriguez.

The family requests that flowers/plants be delivered directly to Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated care team at INOVA Schar Cancer Center for their exceptional support over the past eight months. Special thanks to Dr. Shubha V. Srinivas, Dr. Michael J. Weyant, Dr. Amin Benyounes, Dr. Katherine Cox-Flaherty, Dr. Gabriel O. Nwufoh, and the staff at Capital Caring Hospice.

Mike will be greatly missed, but his legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 8. 10:30 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
12975 Purcell Rd  
Manassas, VA 20110

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
12975 Purcell Rd  
Manassas, VA 20110

## Interment

MAY 8. 1:30 PM (ET)

National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico  
18424 Joplin Road  
Triangle, VA 22172

# Tribute Wall

MO

“ Mike was my older brother by 18 months. He would be so pleased that he made an impact on other friends and coworkers. From a very young age, 10 or so, he was not afraid to do jobs such as pull weeds all day long for 25¢ an hour. His work ethic through the years was impeccable, wouldn't accept a paycheck unless he earned it. That is how we were raised. He had a strong faith serving as altar boy growing up and that faith continued. He respected others because he knew what hardship was. He was easy to laugh, do practical jokes, learn about your life more than his. He always took his job seriously considering the risk involved for others and himself. He loved his job !!! He loved his wife Jeanne dearly, the love of his life. He adored his kids, grandkids and great grandkids. He is and will be missed by family and anyone who truly knew him. He built his way up that iron ladder to heaven. May you rest in peace Mike and may perpetual light shine brightly on you. Love you more, Mary Pat

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**Mary Pat Oliver** - May 07, 2025 at 11:56 AM

BM

“ Brenda Miles lit a candle in memory of Michael "Mike" Joseph Palmer



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**Brenda Miles** - May 06, 2025 at 12:09 PM

RR

“ I first met mike on my first banker steel load to charlottesville va he was the best that was the first of many jobs that worked on from boston to orlando great man he always took care of us drivers for the last 28 years rest in peace my friend

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**Ronald reed** - April 30, 2025 at 11:41 PM

RW

“ I worked with Mike in Aventura at Safra Bank. I only knew him for a short period of time but he was an extraordinary man. It was clear that he was well-regarded by those who worked closely with him. Sending heartfelt condolences to Mike's family and friends. May he rest in peace.

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**Rick Wilder** - April 30, 2025 at 07:48 PM

AM

“ Got to spend a whole year of long hours working with him at the Orlando Airport. One of my favorite jobs. I was moving up and Mike helped me so much. He truly was a great man.

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**Anthony Maiorano** - April 30, 2025 at 02:19 PM

PH

*I worked with Mike on quite a few jobs some very tough. Some we thought were impossible. Some we thought we were going to freeze to death others we smoothed to to death but pulling it all together and working together we came out breathing. What a work colleague a champion and a great great friend.  
It wasn't just work we if you needed to talk he gave both ears and was always there. Sometimes he needed to talk and I gave him both ears what a friend. When we didn't work together I always looked forward to calling at Christmas it was always a joy speaking at Christmas catching up. I a a friend to my great friend Mike will miss you and wishing well to your family you will be missed by many. God Bless All. Preston Hensley Thank You Mike*

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**Preston Hensley** - May 05, 2025 at 11:26 AM

PM

“ Only knew for a short time working in Miami with William Erecting. But for that short time we had many laughs and I'm truly grateful for his hard work that he provided.

We were working together on some difficult areas and he wanted some pictures, I put up a ladder, I turned my back and after I turned around Mike was on his way up the ladder. I told him to get down so I could do it for him. And he told me not to treat him like an old man. Got a good laugh from that. He made a hard job easy with his knowledge and work ethic  
I so sorry for your lost but GOD has a good one with him now

My thoughts and prayers  
Patrick McDonald

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**Patrick McDonal** - April 30, 2025 at 10:58 AM

MG

We will miss you Mike. I had the pleasure to work with Mike on 2 projects at Banker Steel. He was very knowledgeable and he went out of his way to help me and to help others.

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**Mike Greenberg** - April 30, 2025 at 11:14 AM