



## Michael E. Banta

February 26, 1947 - February 16, 2021

Michael E. Banta, 73, of Kirtland, Ohio, passed away on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at Hospice of the Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio.

Michael was born on February 26, 1947 in Dayton, Ohio to the late Paul and Nina “Kathryn” Banta. He attended Lewisburg High School and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from The Ohio State University, where he played varsity soccer and was a member of Delta Tau Delta with one of his childhood best friends. Michael was in the ROTC program and commissioned into the Army infantry prior to pursuing his Juris Doctorate from Case Western Reserve University School of Law. When he was a law student, Michael served as an avid activist, working on an advisory committee within the Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. After graduation, Michael established his self-owned law practice in Cleveland where he served the community for 48 years.

Michael was a proud father of two children and a parrot, grandfather (“Old Papa”) to his two grandsons, and brother to his two siblings. Michael loved The Ohio State Buckeyes, gardening, grilling, and storytelling aided by his photographic memory. He was creative, thoughtful, and loving.

Survivors include his children, Tricia (Robert) Brichler and Julie Banta; grandchildren, Jackson and Davis Brichler; siblings, Anne and Steve Banta;

and many other family and friends who loved him dearly.

A drive-through visitation will start at 2 pm on Friday, March 26, 2021 at Lake View Cemetery, 12316 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44106. Please enter at the Euclid Ave gate to line up for the visitation by 2 pm. Masks are required and social distancing must be observed during all publicly attended events.

Private family memorial service and interment will be held following the visitation.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Michael to Hospice of the Western Reserve or OSU Men's Soccer Program Support Fund #312863 at [giveto.osu.edu](http://giveto.osu.edu).

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Mentor, OH. Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Lake View Cemetery

12316 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44106  
(440) 333-1922

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 26.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Steve and the Banta family, my sincere condolences for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Doug Inscho** - March 28, 2021 at 09:59 AM

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“ I met Michael in 2005 when he boarded his Parrot "Fred" at my store. We became friends and would call each other often just to say hey how ya doing. He was always there with a shoulder to lean on. 9 years ago he trusted me enough and turned ownership of Fred over to me. Michael would call once a week just to see how Fred was doing. I will miss Michael and our talks about life and be forever grateful that I have Fred. My thoughts and prayers to his family. Rest in Peace Michael my dear friend and fly high.  
Carolyn Hurst

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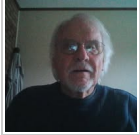
**CAROLYN HURST** - March 19, 2021 at 06:35 PM

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“ My name is Fred Schreel and I grew up with Mike in Lewisburg, Ohio. We were childhood friends for our whole lives and we always enjoyed getting together. He was a wonderful friend and I will miss him so much. My thoughts will be with his family and friends. May he rest in Peace. Fred Schreel

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**Fred Schreel** - March 14, 2021 at 06:52 PM



“ Both Tana and I grew up with Mike went to school with Mike and had many wonderful memories of Mike and with Mike. We are so sad that Mike passed so soon and untimely. Since I have cancer myself I thoroughly understand how his final days went. We both hope Mike is truly resting in peace and our hearts go out to his family and all of his friends. Steve and Tana Eikenbery

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**Steve Eikenbery** - March 13, 2021 at 02:22 PM

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“ My family has known Michael for many years. He had a heart as big as the 🌙. He was helping me in a personal matter for the last 15 months so we would be on the phone every day or every other day and the stories omgosh they were so funny. I will never forget that laugh and voice and I miss not hearing it. The next chapter in my life will because of him and I will raise a glass to him when it's time. I thank you for being there for me Michael and this isn't goodbye, this is I'll see you later! Rest easy my friend and Go OSU!

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**Danielle Ankbey** - March 13, 2021 at 01:56 PM

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“ I've known Mike since 1984 and in that time that I have known him he was one phone call away. He has been there for me through thick and thin and I never questioned his wise advice. Through the years we have also grown in French just to pick up the phone and say hello initiated by him or myself. I am going to miss him and those conversations that would run on for hours at a time but thank God he wouldn't billed me for them. I should've billed him 😊. Rest in peace my friend. Abe Hamed 🌸

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**Abe Hamed** - March 13, 2021 at 01:47 PM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Michael and family. Thank you for your advice years ago. Your support was greatly appreciated. May God be with your family during this difficult time. RIP Michael.* 🙏❤️🦋

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**Kelly & Michael Martin- Canter** - March 13, 2021 at 01:08 PM