



Michael R. Budny

November 13, 2023

Michael R. Budny, 52, passed away on November 13, 2023 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Mike was a graduate of Valley Forge High School in Parma and a U.S. Army Veteran. He served in the first Gulf War as a proud soldier in the 1st Infantry Division "The Big Red One". Mike retired from the Cleveland Police Department after 25 years of service. He was an officer in the First District and worked very hard to finish his career as the Counter Sniper for the Cleveland Police S.W.A.T. Unit. Mike loved classic cars, motorcycles, and 4 wheeling with friends. He was a lover of all animals, especially his many dogs.

Mike is survived by his best friend and wife of 16 years, Lisa Budny; grandmother, Betty O'Malley; mother, Noreen McKenna; father, Raymond Budny; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; brother Dan (Laura) Budny; In-laws, Tim (Deanna) Kirk, Tom (Betsy) Kirk, Ken (Jessica) Kirk. Mike was absolutely adored by his nieces and nephews: Evan, Ella and Emma Budny; Sarah, Madeline, Hannah, Thomas, Elizabeth, Kenneth, Alex, Mia, Rachael and Alex Kirk.

He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Patricia and Thomas F. Kirk; and his grandpa Edward O'Malley.

A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd., Concord Twp., OH 44060. Please meet at church.

The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 2023 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Interment will be in Williams Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the rescue that saved Mikes's dog, Wojtek: One At A Time K9 Rescue. www.onek9.net/ or Face The Fight Against Veteran Suicide <https://wefacethefight.org/>

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Williams Cemetery

6518 Vrooman Rd
Leroy Twp., OH 44077
(440) 254-4955

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Mass

NOV **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Gabriel Catholic Church
9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd.
Concord Twp., OH 44060
(440) 352-8282

Tribute Wall

SB

“ My husband was diagnosed of Parkinsons disease 2 years ago, when he was 49. He had a stooped posture, tremors, right arm does not move and also a pulsating feeling in his body. He was placed on Senemet for 8 months and then Sifrol was introduced and replaced the Senemet, during this time span he was also diagnosed with dementia. He started having hallucinations, lost touch with reality. Suspecting it was the medication I took him off the Siferol (with the doctor’s knowledge) and started him on PD-5 natural herbal formula we ordered from AKNNI HERBAL CENTRE, his symptoms totally declined over a 3 weeks use of the AKANNI HERBAL Parkinson’s disease natural herbal formula. He is now almost 51 and doing very well, the disease is totally reversed! (Visit [w w w.aknniherbscentre .com](http://www.aknniherbscentre.com))

Susan Baker - March 26 at 11:57 AM

JP

“ John P. lit a candle in memory of Michael R. Budny



John P. - November 13, 2025 at 02:52 PM

BS

“ Man I miss you Mike I think about you every day , every time I do stupid shit I think of you laughing at me . We all miss you

Bill Schwab - March 22, 2025 at 03:54 PM

JP

“ *John P. lit a candle in memory of Michael R. Budny*



John P. - November 14, 2024 at 12:25 PM

BS

“ *Bill Schwab lit a candle in memory of Michael R. Budny*



Bill Schwab - January 25, 2024 at 05:40 PM

AN

“ *Andrea lit a candle in memory of Michael R. Budny*



Andrea - December 12, 2023 at 05:42 PM

DB

“ I will always think of Mike with a grin on his face, a kind and dedicated soldier in a unit full of heroes. He was a brother to the men who served together in war and peace, always willing to lend an ear or a hand as needed and always seeking a way to help those around him. My thoughts and prayers are with Lisa and with all who cherished this special man. 'Til Valhalla Mike.



Donna Baer - November 20, 2023 at 09:19 PM

KK

“ Mike will always be a huge part of my life. I don't have to be able to shake his hand and Pat his back to have him here by my side for me to be able to appreciate him. He's always going to be remembered for his incredible accomplishments and the things he did that billions of people did not even try to do. Fighting in a war in another country and taking an oath to stand as a man and protect all people in his community. He is amazing and he will always stay in that category because that's where he belongs. He owns the throne of a hero and is nothing less. My entire family loves Mike and always will. My brothers and I were extremely happy that she found the perfect man to love her and protect her. Imagine him marrying someone as beautiful as Lisa and she has 3 older brothers. He did it and with confidence that we would love and accept him because he's that guy. Everyone loves you Lisa. Your favorite brother, Ken.

I can't stop thinking so I'll apologize now that I may post again.

Ken Kirk - November 18, 2023 at 04:16 PM

PK

Beautifully said Ken. Thank you for your kind words. P. Katz

Patricia Katz - November 18, 2023 at 10:46 PM

AR

Well said Kenny, now I'm crying again. Love you all!

Anna Marie Rembert - November 19, 2023 at 08:49 PM

PK

“ As we struggle with this profound loss, I take solace in the memories, laughter and countless moments of joy Mike brought into our lives. Our hearts ache with grief, but we must remember that Mike would want us to think of him with love, not just sorrow. I will remember you always, sweet Michael.

Aunt Pat



Patricia Katz - November 18, 2023 at 11:05 AM

PC

“ We will make it to the BIG RED ONE in your honor.

Love you Mike.

patty K and tom Campbell - November 17, 2023 at 05:08 PM

GG

“ Mike's life is the perfect example of what a great person and exemplary officer's life is. I salute you Mike for all your service and sacrifice to make this crazy world better.

All My condolences to Lisa, the family and friends.

Gary Gingell

Gary Gingell - November 17, 2023 at 11:49 AM

KG

“ I know how you struggled brother, but that didn't define the warrior you are.
Thanks for sharing your experience with me. I'm honored. Thank you Mike.

Kevin Grady - November 17, 2023 at 08:47 AM

MG

“ Mike,
So many people cared about you and loved you. We've been friends since we were kids. We had so many good times. I laughed so hard I cried when we talked about those times. I always admired you for how you carried yourself. Always cool, calm and collected. You spent your life serving others; Army Veteran, CPD, SWAT. Not many people are willing to sacrifice and do what you did. I tell my Son about you all the time. He went Army, thinking about SWAT. Wants to do “cool guy stuff”, like you. You touched more people than you will ever know. “I Never Had Any Friends Later On Like The Ones I Had When I Was Twelve....” I should have told you all this before you were gone. We love and miss you Mike. Our condolences to Lisa, family and friends. 🙏
Respectfully, your Friend
Matt Garan.

Matt Garan - November 16, 2023 at 05:07 PM

TF

“ Mike was truly one of the best men I've had the honor to know. Truly a great person. My deepest and sincerest condolences to family, friends, and his brothers and sisters of the Cleveland Police Department. Rest in peace my friend.....

Tim Franko - November 15, 2023 at 06:52 PM

TM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you during this time.
With deepest sympathy,
Troy & Tracy McCanna

tracy mccanna - November 15, 2023 at 03:20 PM

JR

“ It was truly a pleasure knowing and working with Mike in the academy, then working together at the same district. He was respected, a true professional in all he accomplished and a well liked person. He was a good man. He will be missed. Gone to soon. My condolences to his family, wife Lisa and friends.

Janell Rutherford - November 15, 2023 at 01:30 PM

CL

My prayers and condolences to Lisa, their family & friends. Had the pleasure of having a few beers w/Mike a couple of times after band practice and getting to know him. Good man, dedicated PO, and veteran who honorably served our country. Saluting you Mike from here in Florida and wishing you to rest in eternal peace!

Charles Lane - November 17, 2023 at 10:08 PM

TK

I wanted to let everyone know how appreciative we are for the outpouring of love and care Mikes friends have shown to the Budny and Kirk family. Mike was an incredible person that I highly respected. He was a great listener and considerate in his responses showing concern for others' lives and interests, this is a rare quality that few individuals have. My kids are all grieving with this loss, they Truly loved Uncle Mike because of his gifts of kindness and concern for others. I loved and respected Mike for his love and care he showed my sister. He was the perfect soul mate for her. I'll miss having our family get togethers and watching him talk for hours to my father-in-law about "stuff" I'll miss going to Eddies Grill and joking with him about whether or not he was going to order coleslaw and if I should (something others wouldn't understand). He had a smirk where he would look out of the corner of his eye and smile that I'll never forget. He was a one of a kind in personality, loyalty, hardworking, honesty, compassion, integrity, & provider. We love & miss you.

Tom Kirk - November 27, 2023 at 11:14 AM