



R. Mike Warner

November 22, 1949 - July 18, 2025

R. Mike Warner, 75, a longtime Concord Twp. resident, died Friday, July 18, 2025 at David Simpson Hospice House in Cleveland. He was born November 22, 1949 in Chardon.

Mike, after returning home from Vietnam, professionally drove truck until 1995 when he became Fire Chief at Concord Township. He was there until 2015 and then took a position as a Captain with Lake County Sheriff's Office in Communications. He was a volunteer Fireman with Hambden Volunteer Fire Department and was the Fire Chief for their department from 1976 to October of 1995. Mike was a fire instructor and NIMS instructor for many years having an impact on many. His latest work was a Chaplain for Combat Vets Motorcycle Association 12-7 and Lake Metroparks Rangers.

His hobbies were working on and riding his motorcycles.

He enjoyed vacations on his motorcycle and he and Becky traveled all across the Nation on his bikes. His motorcycles were wind therapy.

Mike has earned many awards and the following are just a few:

State of Ohio Distinguished Service Award, Hall of Fame State Fire Marshall, Commerce Division, 2015;

Lake County Blue Coats Award, 2006; Hero's for Andy Award, 2006; Ohio Police Chiefs Award for work starting the Public Safety Alliance, 2012; Chardon High School Hall of Fame, 2005.

Mike loved God, his Family, Friends and his Country. He didn't get to choose how he would die, but he chose how to face it, by facing it head on like a man. Giving thanks and asking God for strength to endure til he went home with Jesus.

Survivors include his wife, Rebecca "Becky" Warner; sons, Joseph (Karen) Warner and Richard (Carey) Warner; grandchildren, Nathan, Alison, Ethan, Calvin and Mady; and his brothers, Christopher (Susan) Warner and Scott (Theresa) Warner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard "Dick" and Charlotte "Scottie" Warner.

The family will receive friends from 3-7 p.m. Monday, July 21, 2025 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A Firefighter service will begin at 7 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home and will conclude the gathering.

A funeral service to honor Mike's life will be held 10 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Interment will be in Hambden Twp. Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to a Veteran's Charity of one's choice or to Hospice of the Western Reserve, P.O. Box

72101, Cleveland, OH 44192, donate online at www.hospicewr.org.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Hambden Twp. Cemetery

Chardon, OH 44024

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 3:00 PM - 7:00 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 Service

JUL 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AL

“ We miss you and look forward to seeing you again.



Art and Jill Lagerstedt - July 30, 2025 at 12:08 PM

RO

“ Mike Warner did a fire inspection for the preschool my children attended, Munson Co op in the mid 80's. I had heard his name a few times since and saw his obituary. Today I was driving from Middlefield to Mentor on 608 and wondered why different fire departments had all their vehicles in front of their stations and finally asked at the station in Concord. Someone said it was a tribute to someone who died. Then I saw the marquee with his name. As I went around the corner cars were stopped for the long procession of area fire vehicles, at least 100 motorcycles, then probably as many cars eventually some with the funeral home flags, then the hearse. All the while I had tears that wouldn't stop- for someone I didn't know but God was there to comfort all those today who felt his absence. Our communities were blessed to have someone who gave so much to them that he was given this honor. Prayers of comfort for all, especially his family.

Roberta - July 22, 2025 at 09:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of R. Mike Warner.

July 22, 2025 at 11:57 AM

KN

“ Our prayers & thoughts are with you all. Really couldn't have grown up in Chardon & not hear a good word about Mike Warner & his family. I have heard about this wonderful man from my husband Harold who remembers Mike grade school days, to serving our community Hambden Fire Dept. & I worked at Auburn Career Center kitchen, when he came to inspect, was like a reunion, most grew up with him, Diane, Judy, Cindy, Rhonda & students he helped in Fire & responders Courses. & Scottie, His mother, I heard so much about from my mom, who was a night nurse at Blossom who love Jesus & sharing gospel, loved talking with Scottie caring & faithful stories. I know so, so many in our area who share all these same stories, how could we not! We have lost a faithful caring soul who shared faith & God's grace. We were all Blessed to know him!

Kathy Neill - July 22, 2025 at 02:01 AM

PL

“ Sincere condolences on the loss of a great man, the best Concord will ever know. Kind, compassionate, caring and wanting to help from day one. As our power would go out frequently in our area, I would run my then 1 yr old to the Prouty station to plug in a breathing machine, it was empty as the guys were busy with the storms, no one there. When I finally met Chief and told him I was using his station, he welcomed us with open arms. As the boys got older he invited us to burns and was thrilled always to see them, knowing their grandpa and dad were firefighters as well. I will forever be grateful for his kindness, concern and beautiful heart. No matter where we ran into him throughout the years he was a true gentleman. No one will ever compare. Much love and prayers to the family, we will never forget him.
Patty Leovic and family

Patty Leovic - July 21, 2025 at 03:01 PM



“ Mike escorting a pack motorcycles during the annual Combat Veterans Run to the Ohio Wall. I shot this pic 7 years ago today. 21 July 2018. He was a leader amongst leaders. You will be missed very much Mike. It was an honor to work with you. Dana "Hardball" Harbaugh



Dana Harbaugh - July 21, 2025 at 01:15 PM

CN

“ Chief Scott Niehus purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of R. Mike Warner.



Chief Scott Niehus - July 21, 2025 at 09:32 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of R. Mike Warner.



July 21, 2025 at 08:18 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of R. Mike Warner.

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“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of R. Mike Warner.*



July 21, 2025 at 08:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of R. Mike Warner.

July 21, 2025 at 08:17 AM



“ *When Mike asked how you were doing, he sincerely wanted to know how things were going. He was a decent and caring individual who always had time for everyone. The epitome of patriotism, serving his country and community, In Vietnam, when he was called and the calling of public service. It was an honor to have known him.*

Edward Jividen, Painesville City Fire De - July 20, 2025 at 08:11 PM



When I was mayor of the village of Richfield, he needed someone to help us and hiring a fire. Chief and Mike was recommended and he was amazing. He didn't want compensation. He was just there to help us out and I will forever be grateful for getting to know Mike. May Mike, rest in peace. So we'll deserved.

Bobbie Beshara - July 20, 2025 at 09:22 PM



My apologies, I was speaking into my phone and didn't go back to look and I cannot fix the errors but Mike helped us so much when we were looking to hire a fire chief. A truly great man.

Bobbie Beshara - July 20, 2025 at 09:24 PM

AF

Mike was a great guy who lived his life guided by his faith in Christ and a love for his family and country. He was a great example of when things got tough, he leaned into the love and strength of Jesus and demonstrated how to not only live, but come to the end of his own life here like a man saved by grace. You will be missed...

anonymous friend - July 21, 2025 at 08:49 AM

KF

“ Kurzinger Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of R. Mike Warner.

Kurzinger Family - July 20, 2025 at 02:48 PM

KF

“ Kurzinger Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of R. Mike Warner.



Kurzinger Family - July 20, 2025 at 02:48 PM

JP

“ Honored to have met and worked with Mike! Mike was a fellow member of the Concord Township Citizens Advisory Committee. Deepest condolences to the family.

John Paganini - July 20, 2025 at 11:31 AM

GA

“ Gordon A. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of R. Mike Warner.



Gordon A. - July 20, 2025 at 09:14 AM

LB

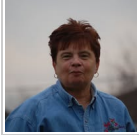
“ WALKS IN THE SNOW. I met Mike when I was in Concord area as an attorney representing a nearby Fire Department and Fire Chief. Each morning we took wonderful walks in the snow, which I will never forget. We shared "war stories" about our fire service experiences (his as career firefighter, mine as a volunteer). When I saw him at trade conferences, I always got a great hug. I treasured his friendship and his hugs. Larry Bennett, Professor Emeritus, Fire Science and Emergency Management, University of Cincinnati.

Lawrence Bennett - July 20, 2025 at 08:09 AM

RD

“ Chief Warner was a man who showed what it is to be a friend, a teacher, a mentor and an American hero. Many great memories! My thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and family. May you rest in peace Chief Warner! 🙏🙏

Ron Deemer - July 19, 2025 at 10:03 PM



“ Joe & Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time...

June Geraci

June Geraci - July 19, 2025 at 08:54 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Mike. A man who's done so much for this country at home and away. A Marine from Parma is so glad I got the chance to know you and hear your Gospel and am grieving. I'll never forget your kindness and your welcoming spirit to 12-7. Thank you Sir.

Rodney Langelier - July 19, 2025 at 08:37 PM



“ The National Rifle Association planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of R. Mike Warner.

The National Rifle Association - July 19, 2025 at 08:15 PM



“ The National Rifle Association purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of R. Mike Warner.



The National Rifle Association - July 19, 2025 at 08:15 PM

MH

“ So sorry to hear of the chief’s passing. He was such a leader in the fire service industry and mentor to many.

I had the privilege of working with him during my tenure with the OFCA. He was so well-respected, kind and caring. His legacy will live on as he now rests in God’s loving arms.

My condolences to Becky and the family.

Mary Pat Helvey

Mary Pat Helvey - July 19, 2025 at 08:06 PM

CL

“ *What a wonderful man and professional
Our thoughts are with you Becky
Christi & Al LaPrairie*

Christi LaPrairie - July 19, 2025 at 07:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of R. Mike Warner.

July 19, 2025 at 06:48 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of R. Mike Warner.*



July 19, 2025 at 06:48 PM

BR

“ *Brian, Christina and Gianna Rezendes purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of R. Mike Warner.*



Brian, Christina and Gianna Rezendes - July 19, 2025 at 06:08 PM

TF

“ *The Hildenbrand Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of R. Mike Warner.*



The Hildenbrand Family - July 19, 2025 at 05:00 PM

HD

“ *HAMB DEN FIRE DEPARTMENT planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of R. Mike Warner.*

HAMB DEN FIRE DEPARTMENT - July 19, 2025 at 04:56 PM

HD

“ *HAMB DEN FIRE DEPARTMENT purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of R. Mike Warner.*



HAMB DEN FIRE DEPARTMENT - July 19, 2025 at 04:56 PM

NP

“ Chief Warner was a great mentor. As the Chief, he would show up on serious calls and not take Command; he would report to Command for an assignment. Even if the assignment was being an ambulance driver while the crews were working. He was one of the Chiefs I had the privilege of being on the squad with, for example when Chief Warner showed up on a scene, and I had a pt. in the back of the ambulance and needed a driver. He trusted his Officers to handle the busy scene and filled the role of being an EMT and driving the ambulance to the hospital.

Nathan Peters - July 19, 2025 at 04:45 PM

WM

“ So many great childhood memories, living on N. Hambden St. Often back and forth between our backyards. We were even an item for a split second when I was in 5th and Mike in 6th. Although Mike didn't remember that:) All my love to the family.



Wendy Guion nee Mills - July 19, 2025 at 04:28 PM

DC

I esteemed Mike, from watching him play high school football at Chardon, to going off to Viet Nam, to knowing him through the course of his life and the way he treated people. A real gentleman. Hambden benefited greatly from his endless devotion as Fire Chief and his integrity. Most of all, his legacy as dad and husband of a wonderful Warner family. We've lost one of the best, but he is secure in Jesus.

Dan Chapman

Dan Chapman - July 21, 2025 at 08:19 AM

FL

“ Dear Becky & Family,
We wanted to share our condolences and prayers with you at this time. There are so many wonderful memories of our past together on the Hambden fire department. The most special one is our friendship through the years.
May Our Lord Jesus comfort you and bring you peace.
God Bless You,
Vicki & Frank

Fink, Vicki L - July 19, 2025 at 03:46 PM

TW

Mike it was a privilege to know you. Rest easy, thoughts to your family and the 1st responders community. God bless and rest easy.

Travis Wilcox - July 19, 2025 at 04:28 PM

EH

My dear, Mike, you will be dearly missed. You were the best cousin, more like a big brother to me. You held the Warner name high and proud. Because of you and Becky the Warner reunions continued keeping us proud of who we were. You were always there for me when I needed you...Love you Cuz Dear Lord give Becky and her family strength and peace beyond understanding as they go through this season in life...Love always Ella Warner Hobelmann

Ella Hoblemann - July 19, 2025 at 04:49 PM

BA

My sincere condolences to Becky & Mike's family. Mike left such a legacy the family can be proud of! He sacrificed so much for his country & community. May God wrap his loving arms around his family during this difficult time. RIP Mike, Brenda Alvord

Brenda Alvord - July 19, 2025 at 06:21 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of R. Mike Warner.*



July 19, 2025 at 03:27 PM



“ *Frank Antenucci purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of R. Mike Warner.*



Frank Antenucci - July 19, 2025 at 02:56 PM