



Michael Regan

February 14, 1935 - September 1, 2009

Michael John Regan, M.D. was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Feb. 14, 1935, to James and Viola Regan. He was raised in Wauwatosa and attended Marquette University and Marquette University School of Medicine, where he graduated at the top of his class and earned the Millman Award. He married his sweetheart Barbara Zemlicka, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, in 1960. After a period of national service for the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, he underwent training in anesthesiology at the University of Iowa and the University of California Cardiovascular Research Institute. Dr. Regan entered into the private practice of anesthesia in Medford, Oregon, where he worked for 33 years and raised a family, which he considered to be his greatest achievement. Mike Regan loved classical music, especially piano and chamber music, had an extensive collection, and loved attending concerts with his wife and family. He was an avid amateur radio operator and enjoyed tinkering with electronics and engineering projects, which occasionally worked well. His lifelong ambition of being a pilot was reached ten years ago, when he took aviation lessons.

Mike will be remembered for all of this and for being a loving husband and devoted father. He was a gentle soul and cared deeply for others. He had a quiet wisdom, humility, and understanding about him, and had a way of bringing out the best in us. After a gradual decline from the effects of Parkinson's disease, Michael Regan slipped from the arms of his family in Corvallis, Oregon, and went to be with our Lord on September 1, 2009. He is

survived by his wife, Barbara Zemlicka Regan, and his children James Regan, Michael Regan, and MaryNell Regan Rocco. Mike was blessed with grandchildren Rachel, Nicole, Allison, Thomas, and David. He is also survived by his brother James Regan. He will long be remembered.

A memorial service will held at 2 p.m. on September 4, 2009, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis, Oregon. Remembrances may be made to the OHSU Foundation, designated to the Parkinson's Center of Oregon (www.ohsufoundation.org).

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Dear Barb and family, Bill and I were saddened to learn of Mike's recent death. We were unaware of his illness and imagine you navigated some very difficult times together. Bill wants you to know how much he appreciated Mike's kind and gentle spirit and that he always took the time to greet Bill. We pray that your strong faith, family and friends will provide the sustaining strength and comfort you need for the days ahead. Blessings, Bill & Carol Miller

Bill & Carol Miller - September 11, 2009 at 09:55 PM

TD

“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss. You and Mike had a wonderful life together. We pray your happy memories will give you strength. Judy and Tom

Tom and Judy Dincher - September 07, 2009 at 09:43 AM

JS

“ Barb, I am so sorry to hear about Michael. It sounds like the last couple of years have been tough, and he is in a much better place, however, this doesn't ease the terrible ache in your heart. I know, I went through it with John 6 years ago. There isn't a day I don't think about him and miss him, but the sorrow gets much softer with time. I hope your children and grandchildren are near by to wrap you in their arms.

We missed you at the 50 year reunion. Know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Janie

Janie Casper Sheahan - September 05, 2009 at 01:53 PM

RM

“ Dear Barbara and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We appreciated knowing Mike as a fellow physician, friend and business associate. Robert & Heather McIntyre

Robert & Heather McIntyre - September 05, 2009 at 12:05 PM

KG

“ Jim,
I am very sorry to hear about the passing of your father. I never met him, but he was clearly a great man.
Kent

Kent Gravelle - September 05, 2009 at 06:12 AM

DH

“ Dear Barbara, I was so saddened to hear of Mike's death. I remember both of you fondly. Sounds like he had a wonderful life with you at his side. I pray that you and your children get through this difficult time with faith in the Lord. Fondly, Dodie Cox Hawkins

Dodie Cox Hawkins - September 04, 2009 at 09:51 PM

MB

“ Michael Regan

Mary Ann Beaumont - September 04, 2009 at 09:07 PM

LD

“ Barbara--we are so sorry to read of Mike's passing. We so enjoyed our time with you in Palm Springs and were looking forward to being with you this winter. Mike was a very gentle man and you were a wonderful wife and soulmate. Our prayers and sympathy are with you and your family.

Leo & Marianne van Dijk - September 04, 2009 at 08:25 PM

JF

“ *Jim, Julie, Thomas, Allison and David,
We are so very sorry to hear about the passing of your dad, father-in-law and grandpa. He was a very special man and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time....we love you all so much and wish we could be there to comfort you.
Love, John, Sue, John, Daniel and Andrea*

John and Sue Zaleskas and Family - September 04, 2009 at 02:17 PM

BG

“ *Barbara and family, I just wanted to let you know I worked with Mike at RVMC for many years and thought he was one of the most considerate and caring anesthesiologists there. He was very proud of his family and when my husband passed away in 1991 he took the time to talk to me and I will always remember that. His work ethic was never compromised. My condolences to you and yours.*

BARB GEISZLER,RN - September 04, 2009 at 02:05 PM

CE

“ *Marynell:
We were both so sorry to hear of the death of your dad. You always spoke so glowingly of him, and I know he will be missed. Our thoughts are with you!
Cindy anf Ed*

Cindy Angelos & Ed Ehrlich - September 04, 2009 at 12:35 PM

KF

“ *Hi MaryNell, I am so sorry about your dad. My prayers are with you. He sounds like he was a great dad and person. What good memories you will have. He's up in heaven having a great time and watching all of you with no pain.*

Karen Flory - September 04, 2009 at 11:35 AM

AC

“*Sorry for your loss. May you find hope in the words at Acts 24:15, "and I have hope toward God, which hope these men themselves also entertain, that here is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous." Take comfort in each other and in your good memories.*

A. Cole - September 04, 2009 at 06:28 AM

DJ

“*MaryNell and Family: I am so very sorry for your loss of your wonderful father. I know there are no words that can alleviate your sadness, but I do hope it helps to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time. May the Lord provide you comfort.*

Debby Jonas - September 03, 2009 at 11:51 AM