



Michael Howle Ranck

August 24, 2018

Michael Howle Ranck, 75, of Strasburg, died peacefully at his home on Friday, August 24, 2018. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late John Milton and Jean Howle Ranck and the husband of LaJune Quandt Ranck with whom he celebrated 40 years of marriage last October.

Mick graduated from J.P. McCaskey High School, Class of 1961, University of Pittsburgh, and Dickinson Law School. He served in the Army National Guard in 1961-62. He began his law career when he joined his father's practice of Ranck & Ranck in 1976 and served as District Attorney from 1981-83, retiring from practicing in 2012.

His civic organizations included the Lancaster Rotary Club where he served on the Program Committee bringing many controversial speakers to the club. He was a member of Slumbering Groundhog Lodge, Lancaster Liederkrantz, Lancaster Ski Club, and Strasburg Sertoma. He was a former member of the Lancaster Country Club where he played tennis with the Court Jesters and Hamilton Club where he was the club squash champion for many years. He served on the Board of Historic Preservation Trust and Rockford Foundation, Strasburg Heritage Society and Strasburg Community Park Foundation. Mick served as a Republican Committee Man and chaired Let's Life Belt Lancaster Committee.

Mick had a welcoming heart and always found an opportunity to dance. His happiest times were spent entertaining friends, family and backyard sports. A highlight of his life was the annual 4th of July picnic which has been celebrated over 100 years. As Mick would say "Doggae".

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Anna Ranck, his son, David Ranck, one brother, John, husband of Barbara Ranck, Paoli, PA, sister-in-law, Lois Ranck, Lancaster, numerous nieces and nephews and his beloved dog, Scottie. He was preceded in death by two brothers, David and Geoffrey Ranck.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to Mick's Celebration of Life Service in the meadow at 52 East Main Street, Strasburg, PA 17579 on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. Casual backyard attire requested. Private family interment.

** The service will take place under a tent in the meadow. Please wear comfortable footwear and rain gear for your walk from the car. **

The family thanks the nurses and staff at the Mennonite Home and Hospice & Community Care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Mick's name may be made to Hospice & Community Care, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125 and Strasburg Heritage Society, 124 S. Decatur St, Strasburg, PA 17579.

Previous Events

Service

SEP **9**. 1:30 PM (ET)

Meadow
52 East Main Street
Strasburg, PA 17579

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *LaJune, My condolences to you and your family. I have fond memories of Mick and he will be missed,*

Jim Sorrentino - September 09, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ *LaJune, Anna and David- my heart is with you as you go through this terrible time. Mick was such a great guy and I have fond memories of him. I know nothing anyone can say makes it easier, but know you are loved and our hearts are with you, especially today.*

Love, Kathy Kirkpatrick

Kathy Kirkpatrick - September 09, 2018 at 12:30 PM

JT

“ *I have many fond memories of Mick, his 3 brothers and family from growing up in Strasburg (North Decatur Street), attending the Presbyterian Church and being great friends with the Roe family of 4 sisters. The Roe family lived next door to grandparents Mary and Milt Ranck and just around the corner from Book Lane homestead. It was an idyllic setting for many of us in our childhood. I am saddened that his successful and fruitful life came to an early end. But it is heartwarming to know that his celebration of life service will be held in the meadow of his beloved home. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Mick's memory and accomplishments will long be remembered and cherished.*

Judi Thompson (Shaubach)

Judi Thompson - September 09, 2018 at 11:54 AM



“ Dear LaJune, Anna and David: My most sincere thoughts, respect and prayers to each of you for not only the greatest boss and attorney I have ever had the pleasure to serve, but likewise, appreciate and respect his legacy of his passionate decency, care, concern and respect not only for his clientele, but family and life-giving measures of dedication and service for what he esteemed important above all stressors and demands of life well lived is what I will remember most about him... Donna M. McEvoy

Donna McEvoy - September 09, 2018 at 10:02 AM

LS

“ May Mick Rest In Peace and forever watch over the loved ones he has left behind. God Bless Mick Ranck for who he was and all he meant to so many. Prayers.

Linda and Ray Sluyter - September 06, 2018 at 06:39 PM

LH

“ Dearest LaJune, (and Anna and David)... I was so saddened to read of your husband's passing and sending heartfelt condolences to you and your family . He was always a bright light along with you and your lovely family... hugs to all. Lori Hemphill

lori hemphil - September 06, 2018 at 12:24 AM

SC

“ Dear LeJune,David and Anna.....Kim and I were saddened to hear about Mick's passing and send our condolences from northern Ontario to you and all the others that were touched by his sparkle. I most remember him flying around the many dance floors he landed on, He certainly will be missed, but never forgotten.....steve and kim cherry

steve cherry - September 04, 2018 at 03:56 PM

AS

“ LaJune, David and Anna-
I'm sorry for your loss. There are a lot memories shared between the Rancks and the Stauffers with friendships, Christmas parties at Lime Spring Farm and the Fourth of July picnics in Strasburg and other gatherings, which go back over 80 years. I'll miss Mick's humor, stories and wisdom.

Andy Stauffer

Andrew Stauffer - September 04, 2018 at 12:46 PM

SH

“ Dear LaJune,
Sending you heartfelt sympathy for your loss. Mick's passing has left a large hole in the fabric of the Lancaster community.
With a big ehug:)(,
Stefanie Valar and Ed Hauck
Rotary Club of Lancaster

Stefanie Valar & Ed Hauck - September 03, 2018 at 03:38 PM

NW

“ Location was the common thread of our friendship and shared respect over many years of daily living on East Chestnut Street. Greetings, parking spaces, and coffee conversations were our framework, culminating in legal translations of French real estate documents and sharing of Paris remembrances. Mick was a reliable friend, always witty and wise in advice. My sympathies to his family, and my sincere tribute to Mick for moments shared.

Nancy Willcox - September 03, 2018 at 10:28 AM

DW

“ My condolences to your family, especially Anna and LaJune Ranck. My memories are of a close-knit family whom I got to know when teaching Anna flute lessons. PRAYERS TO YOU. Darlene Way/& Husband.

Darlene Way - September 01, 2018 at 07:33 PM

RS

“ Dear LaJune and family:
I will remember Mick's intelligence, wit, and athleticism. We had many battles on the squash court for over 25 years and he always won, 3-1. Fond memories of his competitiveness on the late night trips to Philly squash clubs.
With deepest sympathy.
Ron Smith

ron smith - August 30, 2018 at 03:32 PM

MM

“ LaJune, and family,
Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family during this Difficult time. RIP MICK, GOD LOVE YOU! ❤️

Marge & Dan Miller - August 29, 2018 at 11:05 PM

LM

“ Our friendship with Mick and family goes so far back. We are so saddened to hear of his passing. Mick took Joe along to the singles mingles where Joe and I first met. Mick remained a good friend ever after. We will always remember fondly great backyard softball games at your wonderful place. And LaJune I'll never forget your lovely gesture of holding my baby shower for Adrienne.
Rest In Peace good friend. Love from Lisa and Joe Madenspacher.

Lisa Madenspacher - August 29, 2018 at 03:50 PM

JC

“ Anna, I am so sorry for the loss of your Father. He seemed like a wonderful man. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at the difficult time. Know that he is at peace and resting. I am sure he is looking down on you all beaming with love and pride. You will never be alone.

Love and prayers
Jolene Cardwell (Ecore)

Jolene Cardwell - August 29, 2018 at 01:00 PM

CH

“ Mick was a very dear friend to my mom and dad, MaryEllen and Henry Rebman. My mom would share the enjoyable conversations she had with Mick in the course of their work together at the Lancaster Bar Association. I too was privileged to know Mick. His smile lit up the room and I knew him to be a kind and generous man. Surely my Mom was amongst the many waiting to greet him at the pearly gates! I will remember him most fondly. Cindy Rebman-Haldeman

Cindy Haldeman - August 29, 2018 at 11:25 AM

AL

“ Papa Dukes and my secret handshake is one of my favorite memories and one I will cherish and pass down through our families' generations. I don't think he ever welcomed me home without a huge smile and one of his warm hugs. He gave the best hugs. There are many quotable quotes from our conversations over the years, but the one that stayed with me the most is when he told me, "let's not let the world let the world get between us." I haven't yet, and I never will, Papa, you'll forever live on in Momma, Anna, and D, in the stars, and in my heart. Love and all my hugs, Ali

Ali - August 29, 2018 at 11:06 AM

NW

I have a lot of Mick Ranck stories, all of them wonderful and funny! Did I ever say that when Mick walked into a room full of friends and some strangers, when he left the room there were no strangers there, just new friends? But you know that! That was my dear friend., Mick. He just loved this beautiful world, along with his beloved LaJune, Anna and David. And Scottie!

All who knew Mick knew that when the music played he just HAD to dance! Thursday nights at Valentino's..., anytime, anywhere. And speaking of dancing.....my favorite memory of Mick.

One snowy night at our mountain house in Breckenridge, Colorado, we invited locals to join our Lancaster County visitors, including the Ranck's and Weaver family and Ellie Swigart who came out every winter to ski. Dinner was over and as we sat around the fire, with the snow blowing around the house (at 10,000 feet), someone turned on the music and it was Irish reels. Jigs, hornpipes and LANCERS! The pine floors were covered with a big rug, but we had a huge coffee table made by a big Norwegian, Sigurd Rockne, from wood that he got out of Lake Erie. ? (Orr so he said!)..... Mick kicked off his shoes and we swept everything off the rabble, and did he dance? We danced and everyone sang and cheered. The IRISH and the GLENLIVIT flowed a little that night as we danced on the table that took the 3 big Rockne men to lift it when Sigurd built our house 20 years earlier! And built the great table too. It is a lovely memory of us when we were a 'little' younger, surrounded by like minded skier friends telling tall tales about our day on the mountain.

That's how we will remember you, my friend, always with a smile and memorable times over the past 40 years.

Godspeed Mick. Noreen and Wint family, Colorado

Noreen Wint - August 29, 2018 at 01:03 PM

JB

To my old friend and to his entire family I send this "old Indian Prayer" for I truly believe we will meet again. May God Bless this family at this time of grief and sorrow now and forever more.

James Bletcher

OLD INDIAN PRAYER

"Do not stand at my grave and weep.

I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glint on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain. When you wake in the morning hush

I am the swift uplifting rush Of quiet birds in circling flight. I am the soft starlight at night.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.

I am not there. I do not sleep.

Do not stand at my grave and cry.

I am not there. I did not die."

James Vernon Bletcher - August 29, 2018 at 05:56 PM

VA

A childhood friend of my older brothers - he always included me in the FUN - the winter snow sledding on ice - the pool fun and hit amazing wit and smile - many years have passed but I will hold him dearly in my heart - rest well - my sincere condolences to friends and family

Vickie Aument - August 29, 2018 at 07:19 PM

TF

Wow! What a life! Mick gave so much to so many. He truly was the happiest when he was with his loving family and all his friends. Mick so loved bringing happiness to others. The "backyard" picnics were so plentiful and memorable; 4th of July, swim team, ski club...

Thanks Mick, LaJune, Anna and David for all the great memories my family has because of you all.

One more observation. Mick had many talents but one in particular stands out with me. How in the world was Mick able to place the baseball in the field with such pinpoint accuracy while swinging the bat with only one hand?

Mick, you will be missed and thank you!

The Kurtz Family - August 30, 2018 at 08:43 AM

HG

I am so happy to have been included as one of his friends. A greeting from him was always uplifting and special.

HELEN B GEHR - August 30, 2018 at 08:57 AM

TP

*Dear LaJune, Anna and David,
The entire Purcell family (now there are 16 of us!) sends our deepest sympathies to you and your family. He was a great, loving man.
Tom, Janet, Beth, Sarah, TJ and Mary et. al.*

Tom & Janet Purcell - August 31, 2018 at 09:56 AM

HL

*Dearest LaJune, Anna and David,

my thoughts are so very much with you - especially now when you get together in 52 East Main Street. I am so very much sorry for your loss of Mick - such a great personality he was - a wonderful husband and father. Its hard to find words, which express what I feel for you...knowing that no word can help to take away the pain you feel. May the deep feelings between you help to go through this hard and suffering times. May god bless you! Thank you, Mick, for being on this planet and sending so much love and joy in the world with your enthusuiasm!!!*

Much Love to you, Helga Luchs-Drescher from Germany

Helga Luchs-Drescher - September 09, 2018 at 01:09 PM