



## Michael Charles Boswell

November 22, 1949 - September 3, 2017

Michael C. "Mike" Boswell, 67, of Cape Girardeau, also known as "Bozz" back in his college days, was called home by our Heavenly Father on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017, while receiving care at Unity Point Hospital in Keokuk, Iowa.

Mike was born on Nov. 22, 1949, in St. Louis, the older twin son of Charles W. and Edith E. (Rufkahr) Boswell.

St. Anne's Catholic Church in Barrington, Illinois, was the site of Mike's wedding to Maryellen Mackin on Aug. 3, 1974. From that time on, Southeast Missouri became his home, first for nine years in Scott City and then in Cape Girardeau.

Mike served as a radioman in the U.S. Naval Reserves for 21 years, along with twin brother, Dennis. Their active duty years were spent at the Naval Communication Station on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. Mike retired as Petty Officer 1st Class.

Mike graduated from St. Charles High School in St. Charles, Missouri, in 1967. He received bachelor of arts and master of arts in teaching degrees from Southeast Missouri State University in 1976 and 1979, respectively. His emphasis of study was always art.

After college, Mike embarked on a 30-year career as a commercial art engraver, first with American Greetings and later with Cape Art Engraving and then Cape Art Die.

With the closing of the engraving shop in 2009, Mike put his Naval communication skills back to work, becoming a motel reservationist at Drury Hotels National Call Center, where he was employed from the beginning of 2010 until he suffered a stroke in August 2015.

Mike was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau. He was an avid gun enthusiast, and he spent much of his spare time at the Cape Girardeau Public Library.

Survivors include his wife, Maryellen Boswell of Cape Girardeau; their daughter, Amanda Seyer, and grandson, Shane Seyer of Cape Girardeau; his twin brother, Dennis J. Boswell of St. Charles; brother, Charles W. Boswell of St. Peters, Missouri, and sister, Mary Judith Seifert of Lindale, Texas.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents.

A private burial was held at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis on September 11.

Friends may call on Sept. 25 following the 6:30 p.m., memorial Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to Prodigy Leadership Academy in Cape Girardeau for the funding of the Michael C. Boswell Memorial Scholarship.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford and Sons Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau was in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

2900 Sheriden Rd.  
St. Louis, MO 63125

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

SEP **25**. 6:30 PM (CT)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
1919 Ritter Dr.  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

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“ Mike and I worked together at Drury Hotels as agents. He was such a caring family man. He always talked about what he and his Grandson were going to or what he and his Daughter were going to. I could tell by the way he spoke of all his family that they meant the world to him. He always had a way of making you laugh. My prayers are with all of Mike's family. I'm so very sorry for your loss.

pat martin - September 19, 2017 at 03:19 AM



“ Memories of a friend that could get me laughing, forget woes and lift my spirit making it seem effortless. May memories and prayer bring comfort to his family. Chantell Moore



Chantell Moore - September 17, 2017 at 01:08 AM

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“ It was a pleasure and honor to get to know Mike. We used to have so much fun when I would take him home after a shift. He would tell so many funny stories. I will miss him so much. He always had a smile on his face, and you could hear it in his voice. My deepest sympathy to all of his family. Mary Clements

Mary Clements - September 16, 2017 at 11:02 PM

EH

“ I enjoyed getting to know Mike while working at Drury Call Center. My prayers are with the family.

Ellen Holford - September 16, 2017 at 10:29 PM