



## Michael T. Curriden

May 4, 1946 - March 29, 2023

Of Alexandria, VA, passed away on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. Loving husband to Catherine Dailey Curriden; father to Michael Curriden, and Brian Mainardi (Giuliana); grandfather to Evan, Caitlin, and Gavin Mainardi; and brother to Nancy Curriden. He will truly be missed by many.

Born in Wilmington, Delaware in 1946, Mike grew up in Pennsville, New Jersey. He graduated from Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania in 1968 with a degree in literature. He received an Army commission as a 2nd lieutenant via the college's ROTC program and was assigned to the infantry. Mike's nearly 5 years of military service included assignments at Ft. Gordon, Georgia; Coleman and Turley Barracks in Mannheim, Germany; Ft. Sherman, Canal Zone; Quang Tri Province in South Vietnam; and Ft. Meade, Maryland. While in South Vietnam in 1969, Mike served with the 5th Infantry Division, then the most northern deployed major U.S. organization in the country. Military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star for heroism; the Vietnamese Honor Medal, 1st Class; Purple Heart; and Army Commendation Medal.

His civilian career began in 1973 with the Defense Intelligence Agency where he worked on all facets of civilian human resources issues and became a trusted senior advisor and expert on civilian personnel law matters. His civilian recognition includes the DIA Director's Award for Exceptional Civilian Service;

DIA Award for Meritorious Civilian Service; and the Director of Central Intelligence Meritorious Unit Award. Mike also received a special DIA award in recognition of his efforts on behalf of veterans. He retired from DIA in 2001.

Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22315 on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, from 10 until time of service at 11AM. Interment at Mt. Comfort Cemetery, Alexandria, VA.

Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund or a charity of your choosing.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22315  
(703) 971-7400  
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com  
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

## Funeral Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

APR 11. 12:30 PM (ET)

Mt. Comfort Cemetery  
6600 South Kings Highway  
Alexandria, VA 22306

# Tribute Wall

CF

“ *Cathy, I remember you and Mike very well from our time in DIA. Terry and I send our sincere condolences to you and your family at this time. Terry and Carol Ford*

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**Carol Ford** - April 11, 2023 at 07:34 PM

WT

“ *Mentor, Counselor, Teacher, Scholar, Soldier, Athlete, Teammate, Friend ... life led us in divergent directions ... but, Mike's influence on me was prominent as I grew into maturity. We shared many great and poignant moments and had many great laughs ... he TAUGHT me as only a "big brother" could. I will forever love and respect him.*

*BT*

*To Cathy, Mike, Brian and crew - please accept our deepest sympathies and condolences on Mike's passing. Know that he was a unique and special MAN that positively influenced many. May you take comfort in his enjoying the light of God's eternal grace.*

*The Thompson Family*

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**William Thompson** - April 10, 2023 at 02:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael T. Curriden.*



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April 08, 2023 at 02:41 PM

JF

“ My wife and I had the pleasure of getting to know Mike over dinner which he treated us to. He was a Gentleman in every respect of the word. His sincerity and warmth made us feel like we were part of his family. We are very saddened to hear of his passing and send our deepest condolences.  
- Javed Farooqi & Alexis O'Connor

Javed B. Farooqi - April 07, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Michael T. Curriden.



April 07, 2023 at 10:30 AM



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April 06, 2023 at 08:02 AM

RD

“ Cathy, it's been a minute since I've seen Mike, but I remember his smile like it was yesterday. What a great role model for so many at DIA. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family, heaven is so fortunate. Your friend, Randy Davis

Randal Davis - April 05, 2023 at 04:35 PM

JM

“ Dear Nancy,  
Please accept our sincere sorrow and sympathy.  
God Bless.  
Norman and Jackie Ebell Miller

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jackie Miller - April 03, 2023 at 06:19 PM

RK

“ This is a very sad loss and I'm sending my deepest sympathy to Cathy and the rest of Mike's family. We have been neighbors for many years and several of my adult children got to know Mike over the years as he walked his dog through the neighborhood. Mike was a friendly, upbeat and fun person to be around! I always enjoyed our chats on the sidewalks near our homes. RIP Mike. It was a great pleasure to know you. You will be missed. But know, too, that neighbors will rally around Cathy as she copes with your loss.

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Rose Mary (Cousins) Kelly - April 02, 2023 at 08:18 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Michael T. Curriden.



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April 02, 2023 at 08:14 PM

QS

“ I knew Mike growing up in Mount Vernon as I was a friend of his stepson, Brian. I have nothing but fond memories of him.... and amazement! He used to come home from work, bench-press over 300 LBS, walk Champ, and eat dinner. We knew better than to ask him to borrow the Buick :-)

Love ya Mike, may you rest in peace.

Qasim

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**Qasim Sayed** - April 02, 2023 at 07:57 PM

CR

“ Cathy,

When meeting, I always appreciated Mike's inquisitiveness, his wit and his sense of humor.

Thinking of you in these difficult times.

Chuck Rey

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**Chuck Rey** - April 02, 2023 at 11:15 AM

GG

“ Saddened to hear That Mike passed away. He was one of my best friends in High School. We had lots of fun and our interest in Sports made us good friends. We played on the basketball team together and went to the Phillies games too. He was well respected by all who knew him. My condolences to the family. Gary Gatanis Class of 6

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**Gary Gatanis** - April 02, 2023 at 07:57 AM

JM

“ Nancy,

*So sorry to hear of your loss.*

*Jo Ann "Elliott" and Denny Miller*

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**JoAnn Miller** - April 01, 2023 at 07:53 PM



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April 01, 2023 at 06:02 PM

RS

“ *Mike was a top athlete and an awesome friend when we were classmates at Pennsville NJ Memorial High School. Everyone loved being with him - he was very bright and a friend to all. He will be terribly miss by all who knew him - Love from Lee and Mary Margaret Samuels now living in Las Vegas.....*

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**Richard Samuels** - April 01, 2023 at 04:56 PM

PH

“ *Condolences to all Mike's family and friends. He was a very fine man, a fellow Vietnam Vet, a contemporary of mine in Army service, and a superb advisor and staff expert at the Defense Intelligence Agency. I offer my final salute to a great officer and patriot. We'll see each other again at the next rally point Mike. Montana 6 out.*

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**Patrick M Hughes** - April 01, 2023 at 03:57 PM

DM

“ *I grew up with Mike in Pennsville but lost touch after college. Mike was always always one of the good guys! I have fond memories of knowing him, and his sense of humor! Prayers for your family for comfort and peace.*

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**Dian Dwyer McDermott** - April 01, 2023 at 03:49 PM