



## Raymond A Mika

April 23, 2016

Mika, Raymond A. Age 89, passed away April 23, 2016. WWII Veteran and Korean War Veteran. Survived by amazing, loving wife Betty, children, Diane (Mike) Quast, Denise (Darren) Vickers, Paul (Rosie) Mika, Joni (John) Goodman. 4 Grandchildren, 3 Great Grandchildren. Memorial service 10:00 a.m. Saturday April 30th. Join us an hour prior to service at: Washburn-McReavy.com 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd. Coon Rapids, Mn 763-767-1000 Luncheon to follow @ Post 102 Anoka American Legion.

# Tribute Wall

DD

“ I was truly blessed to have Raymond Mika as my grandfather. I remember when I was a little girl and how he would talk to me about "Poppa's Moon." Poppa's Moon was where he told me to look if I ever needed him. One of the last things he said to me was that he was going to the other side of the moon soon and that if I ever needed him to look to the sky and he'd be there. I saw the biggest, most beautiful moon early Saturday morning less than an hour after he'd passed and I knew immediately that it was a sign from him that he was okay and watching over me and my family. Grandpa was always strong and loving. He adored his grandchildren, and especially his great-grandchildren. I am so glad my three year old daughter Kaitlyn got to hold her great-grandpa's hand one last time before he passed on. I am proud of the man my grandfather was and I know it is because of him that I have become the woman I am today. I love you grandpa and I will miss you greatly. Rest in peace. I will keep looking to the sky (and the moon) knowing you are watching down on us.

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**Dayna Dobs** - April 29, 2016 at 08:40 PM

DV

“ Ray was the best dad-in-law a person could ever wish for and I say that having known him for 35 years, well over half my life.

*As my wife Denise and others have noted, Ray had a great wit and sense of humor. He loved the kind of joke that was so bad it was good.*

*When Denise and I were young, dumb and broke (as are many of us are just starting a life and family together), Ray and Betty were always there to help us through. Ray was quite a chef and I loved many of his specialty dishes: He nailed Chow Men just like the fabulous (but sadly long gone now) Nankin restaurant and made spectacular BBQ ribs.*

*I enjoyed many fine hours at the lake with Ray fishing, playing cards, enjoying a few beers and helping him when I could work on perfecting their retirement home on lake Miltona.*

*As Ray entered his 80s he slowed down a bit and was unable to do a lot of things as he had, but he maintained his humor and outlook. He almost saw his 90th year, which most of us would be happy to reach but I really wish he would have been around to see 100.*

*Rest well grand old Pollack, I will miss you greatly :^(*

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Darren Vickers - April 29, 2016 at 04:38 PM

Shana  
Morrell

“ I am so sorry for this great loss to the Mika family. He had such a sense of humor and I know how much he was adored by his children and grandchildren. His legacy lives on and I am glad to have had the opportunity of kinship with this amazing person through the marriage of my brother.

*Shana Morrell*

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**Shana Morrell** - April 28, 2016 at 09:30 AM

SB

“ Ray was so generous with his stories of his past...Ray always had a quick come back that always made me smile... A brilliant man that will be missed by all.



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**Sally and Brad** - April 27, 2016 at 10:16 AM

RM

“ Rosalie And Paul Mika lit a candle in memory of Raymond A Mika



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**Rosalie and Paul Mika** - April 26, 2016 at 10:41 PM

DV

“ Oh Dad, I don't even know where to start..... I know I started life as your birthday present and this year will be the first time ever that I won't physically be able to share our birthdays, but you know that won't stop me. 😊. You taught me respect, honesty, and how to enjoy life. I passed this onto my kids and I know they will pass it on to theirs. I will miss you so much but I know you are finally in a good place and I know you are ok. I have no regrets and you know how much you meant to me. I won't say "goodbye"... It's just "see you later". Sleep well, Daddy. I love you so much.

Denise Vickers - April 26, 2016 at 07:24 PM

DV

“ Denise Vickers lit a candle in memory of Raymond A Mika



Denise Vickers - April 26, 2016 at 04:53 PM

JM

“ Joni Mika lit a candle in memory of Raymond A Mika



Joni Mika - April 26, 2016 at 03:18 PM

DV

“ Grandpa was more than just a Grand Father, he was a hero, my hero. I cannot put into words how terrible this loss is to me. I know that he has found peace now. I will forever remember his funny jokes and spit fire personality. He always brightened up the room he was in and loved to talk about anything. I will miss him every day. I am lucky to have had him in my life for as long as I did.

*Rest in Peace Grandpa, I will see you again someday.*

*Darryl*

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**Darryl Vickers** - April 26, 2016 at 02:03 PM

JM

“ *The Greatest Hero*  
This world has many heroes, some you'd know by name. They give their best at what they do, so they deserve their fame. But among all of the heroes this world has ever had, there is not one more admired than the guy I called my dad. Perhaps not like the others, he doesn't look for praise. He's heroic in his special way, in his thoughtful caring ways. Perhaps he's not as famous as the others that you see. But he's everything and so much more than heroes ought to be. He keeps his word, it's good as gold, on this you can depend. He's honest and he's loyal too, he's also a true friend. When I hear about a hero, and the great things they have done, it reminds me of my father, he is by far the greatest one.

*Rest in peace dad,  
all our love forever & yes we will take super good care of Momma Lou*

*John & Joni*

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**Joni Rae Mika** - April 26, 2016 at 08:08 AM