



## A. Michael "Mike" Gannon

October 26, 1932 - August 3, 2022

A. Michael "Mike" Gannon, 89, of Fond du Lac, died on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at Liberty House.

Born on October 26, 1932 to Arthur and Beatrice Gannon in Chippewa Falls, WI. Graduated from St Mary's Springs in 1951. He served as a Navy Corpsman with the US Navy/Marine Corps (1952-56) during the Korean War. Mike was proud of his boxing days with the Golden Gloves. He was employed with The Reporter and State of Wisconsin retiring from Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution in 1994.

After meeting on a blind date and corresponding while he was in service, he married Charmayne Peachy on September 24, 1955, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Fond du Lac.

Mike had a very strong faith and was a proud member of Holy Family/Sacred Heart Church where he served as an usher. He had a servant heart and it showed by his lifetime support of the Fond du Lac community. When his sons were young, he was a scoutmaster and coach, and was inducted into the Fond du Lac Youth Baseball Hall of Fame. He later became a WIAA official and went back to help in his 70's due to the shortage of refs. Mike served on the Fond du Lac County Board for 20 years and on numerous committees. Mike was a member of the Fond du Lac Marine Corp Detachment 552 and walked with pride in our local parades. He and his son Patrick had the privilege of attending the Korean War Honor Flight in 2015. You could find him serving at the annual Oakfield Lions Club pancake breakfast and was a

transport of donated eyes. He continued to volunteer with hospice. He enjoyed golf, fishing, hunting (especially Elk in Colorado with his sons), swimming and cribbage at the YMCA, where he also served as past board member. He also looked forward to his morning coffee at McDonald's with his friends, watching Wisconsin sports teams (even when they were a losing team) and attending his grandchildren's sporting events.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years Charmayne, his children: Patrick (Pamela) of North Fond du Lac, Michael of Colorado, Kevin (Rochelle) of Green Bay, Timothy of Arizona, Mary (Bob) Mooney of Fond du Lac.

Grandchildren: Jessica (Chad) Bohn; Shawn (Kyle) Fisher; Michael (Heather) Gannon; Nikki Schmitz; Lindsay (Cullen) Braun; Bradley (Samantha), Samuel and Megan Gannon; Miranda (Travis) Klotzbach; Lindsay Johnson; Alyson and Aryn Uttendorfer; Rylan Mooney. He is also survived by his sister Delores Fenner. He is survived by 13 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandson and a great great granddaughter on the way. Sisters-in law, Nettie (Joe) Manzo, Patricia Vandeberg, Sharon Rickert, Debra (Gary) Jensen; brother-in-law Richard (Donna) Peachy, many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, infant son Brian, granddaughter Kristina, great grandson Isaac, brothers Patrick and Duane, sister Kathleen Behnke, brothers-in-law Larry VandeBerg, John Behnke and Edward Fenner, sisters-in-law Dorothy and Delores Gannon, daughters-in-law Laura and Kathy Gannon, mother and father-in-law Edward and Josephine Peachy.

**VISITATION:** The family will greet friends from 4:00 – 7:00 PM, on Friday, August 12, 2022, at Kurki Funeral Chapel, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac and from 9:00 – 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at Sacred Heart Church of Holy Family Parish, 200 South Peters Avenue, Fond du Lac.

**SERVICE:** A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at Sacred Heart Church of Holy Family Parish, led by Mike's longtime friend Father Guy Gurath. Military Services will be conducted after the funeral service by Trier-Puddy American Legion Post #75. Inurnment to take place at a later date at Calvary Cemetery.

The family would like to thank all the staff at Frontida Liberty House for the care, love and comfort they showed Mike.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to FDL Marine Corp. Detachment #552 or FDL YMCA.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

686 Fond du Lac Avenue  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory  
31 E. Division Street  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

## Visitation

AUG 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Church of Holy Family Parish  
200 South Peters Avenue  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

## Funeral Service

AUG 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Church of Holy Family Parish  
200 South Peters Avenue  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935



# Tribute Wall

LD

“ *Lots of love and prayers, Dorothy purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of A. Michael "Mike" Gannon.*



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**Lots of love and prayers, Dorothy** - August 19, 2022 at 10:16 AM

TS

“ *Our condolences to the Gannon family. I (Tom) worked with Mike at the FDL Reporter in the 60's and 70's. He was in the composing room and I was in the advertising dept. Ran into Mike just about every day, going from office into the shop. He always had something to say. Learned a lot about their dept just talking with Mike, his brother "Buc" or his dad "Big Art". Those were the "Good 'Ol Days". Rest in peace Mike.*  
*Tom and Sharon Soukup*

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**Thomas H. Soukup** - August 12, 2022 at 03:58 PM

TW

“ *Mike was best basketball referee. I grew up in FDL in the 60's and early 70's. When Mike made a call it was emphatic. My best to the family. Tom Wegner*

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**tom wegner** - August 11, 2022 at 07:56 AM

GW

“ Gary & Karen Weber lit a candle in memory of A. Michael "Mike" Gannon



Gary & Karen Weber - August 10, 2022 at 10:04 PM

RS

“ Pat and family, my sincere condolences on the loss of your father and loved one. I met and worked with Mike at KMCI. He was a great man. Dick Sauer

Richard Sauer - August 08, 2022 at 04:30 PM

JC

“ As a kid growing up, there was no one who had a more positive influence on me than Mike. Coaching me in three sports, Mike was the guy who got me to believe in myself. He once said to me, "Jimmy, when I was a kid, I was small like you. But I never believed someone was better than me until they proved it. If they proved it, I still wouldn't believe it." He was more than a "sports guy" - he was an example of what a genuinely good adult role model can be. Rest in peace, Mike. Love you.

Jim Colwin - August 07, 2022 at 07:44 PM

DH

Mike Gannon was a real MAN. He took time out of his life to leave you with something to think about your life. He was a real leader of men. ❤️

🙏🇺🇸 Thanks Mike

Dave Hamm - August 14, 2022 at 04:47 AM

BH

“ Dear Gannon Family, I was so sorry to hear about Mike's passing.

*He and I served on a number of 1951 class reunions of SMSA and had a delightful time. He always seemed so jovial!*

*My thoughts and prayers.*

*God bless you.....Betsy May Haskett*

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**Betsy Haskett** - August 07, 2022 at 05:33 PM

MT

“ *Mike was a pleasure to work with at KMCI -- always upbeat and always having an understanding of what was truly important and what was just fodder for humor.*

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**Mary TS** - August 05, 2022 at 12:04 PM

MS

“ *Dear Gannon family, I was thinking of a different Mike. I believe Mike Gannon worked in the composing room. Sorry for the confusion. But, I did know Mike...he did have a wonderful sense of humor and he was a pleasure to know.*

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**Mike Schaalma** - August 04, 2022 at 05:02 PM

MS

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Gannon family. I knew "Little Mike" from the early 1970's when he was employed as a pressman at the Fond du Lac Commonwealth Reporter, and I worked in the mailroom. Many fond memories of a great guy.*

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**Mike Schaalma** - August 04, 2022 at 04:50 PM

DM

“ Always one of my favorite basketball/baseball/softball officials. A great sense of humor and a good man...I miss him as will you. Dave Manley

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**Dave Manley** - August 04, 2022 at 11:27 AM

SM

“ Our sincere condolences to the Gannon family, especially Pat and Mary. I fondly remembering seeing your parents at Mass, your Dad reffing and of course his service on the FDL County Board. He was one of the good guys...  
Pat and Sue McManus

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**Sue McManus** - August 03, 2022 at 02:01 PM