

## Chaplain Lt. Colonel Michael Romano

May 5, 1927 - March 27, 2021

On Saturday, March 27, 2021 Chaplain, Lt. Colonel (USAF ret.) Michael (Mike) Romano, loving husband and father of three children, passed away at the age of 93. Mike was born on May 5, 1927 in Harrison, NJ, the only child of Guy and Mary Gailey Romano. Mike's mother died at an early age and he grew up under the tutelage of his Scottish grandmother and the members of the North Reformed Church of Newark.

At the height of World War II Mike joined a number of his close friends and enlisted in the US Navy at the age of only 17. He was based in Georgia and Texas awaiting deployment when the war thankfully ended. Mike liked to point out that he served three years, three months and three days in the Navy.

Upon discharge Mike was influenced by his Reformed Church pastor to attend the church affiliated Hope College in Holland, Michigan. He earned his Bachelors Degree in 1952. It was at Hope that he met Cynthia, who would become his wife of nearly 69 years. They married the day after Mike's graduation and that fall moved to New Brunswick, NJ where Mike entered the New Brunswick Theological Seminary. He was ordained as a Reverend in 1955.

Mike's first assignment as pastor was to The Reformed Church of Plainfield, NJ where he would serve for ten years. During those years Mike and Cynthia welcomed their three children, Stephen, Philip and Cynthia. In 1962 Mike accepted a calling at Addisville Reformed Church in

Richboro, Pennsylvania where he would serve a three year pastorate. Mike thought fondly of his time in the Navy and that love of military service prompted him to join the US Air Force Chaplaincy in 1965. During his tenure in the USAF he had assignments to bases in Arkansas, the Philippines, Myrtle Beach, SC, Thailand, Rome, NY, Bentwaters, UK, and Dover, DE. Mike retired from the Air Force in 1982 at the rank of Lt. Colonel.

After active duty Mike continued to serve the church from the pulpits of numerous small Presbyterian churches throughout the coastal region including Westminster Presbyterian Church in Conway, SC, Tabor City Presbyterian in Tabor City, NC and McDowell Presbyterian in Greeleyville, SC. Mike preached his last sermon a month before his 90th birthday.

In addition to Cynthia and his three children, Mike is survived by six grandchildren, Michael, Valia, Matthew, James, Jack, and Nash. Mike was also blessed with two great-granddaughters, Roslyn and Caroline. Mike was an avid dog lover and owned many over the years. Sparks and Koda now have a good home with Philip.

Above all, Mike was grateful to God for many years of life, good health, happiness and family.

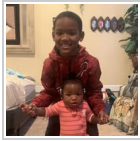
# Previous Events

## Graveside

APR 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Ocean Woods Cemetery  
2408 S. Kings Hwy  
Myrtle Beach, 84391

# Tribute Wall

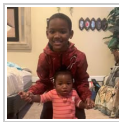


“ *Netanyia Golden lit a candle in memory of Chaplain Lt. Colonel Michael Romano*



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**Netanyia Golden** - April 07, 2021 at 01:34 PM



*I have often sent prayers to Rev. Mike when I served as receptionist/secretary at the Presbytery of New Harmony. Prayers to his family*

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**Netanyia Golden** - April 07, 2021 at 01:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Chaplain Lt. Colonel Michael Romano.*



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April 07, 2021 at 12:42 AM



“ *I extend my condolences to Cynthia and her family. Chaplain Romano was a wonderful minister and a very caring person. One of my fondest memories was playing piano for one of his services at Trinity Presbyterian Church. He explained to me that he was "High Church" and let me know exactly what he wanted. I really enjoyed his sense of humor and I don't think he took himself too seriously. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Janice James** - April 06, 2021 at 01:03 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Chaplain Lt. Colonel Michael Romano.*



April 05, 2021 at 05:47 PM



“ *Evans Bunch purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Chaplain Lt. Colonel Michael Romano.*



**Evans Bunch** - April 05, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ *Julia Todd-Edwards and Cliff Sielitzsky purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Chaplain Lt. Colonel Michael Romano.*



**Julia Todd-Edwards and Cliff Sielitzsky** - April 05, 2021 at 03:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Chaplain Lt. Colonel Michael Romano.*



April 04, 2021 at 08:17 PM

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“ Chaplain Romano was a wonderful man and such a great preacher, if you complained about along sermon he always said that along sermon was always better than a short one, according to his father, he made us laugh and cry but always touched me with his honesty. I called him three years ago when my husband passed away and Chaplain Romano was right there for me. My deepest condolences to his wife Cynthia and his family, you are in my heart thoughts and prayers. You will be missed by all who loved you.  
Love and blessings,  
Carol Farnaby and family



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**carol farnaby** - April 03, 2021 at 06:55 PM

RF

*I have missed and will continue to miss Mr. Romano, but I take comfort in knowing that he is at peace finally. Rest in Peace, with much respect  
Joe R. Ferreira.*

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**Rudy Ferreira** - April 04, 2021 at 05:23 AM

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*Be at rest, Mr Romano*

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**Rudy Ferreira** - April 04, 2021 at 05:24 AM

MG

*Praying God's richest blessings upon the family of Ch, Lt Col Romano. He who is great must first become a servant. Ch Romano served God and country and he is greatly to be praised.*

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*Ch, Maj Michelle Law-Gordon*

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**MICHELLE M LAW GORDON** - April 05, 2021 at 01:23 PM

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*I regret never having reconnected with Mike over the years. I met him when we were stationed at LRAFB, I a medic in the ER and he a chaplain and there's a bond between chaplains and medics in the military. We both ended up at Clark together in 1968 where we shared a particularly traumatic night in a rice paddy, an event which haunts me to this moment. I never saw him again after the next morning when we arrived back at the base. But I have never forgotten him, and always wondered how he was. The memory of him that night is forever a part of me. God rest his soul, comfort him and give him peace.*

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**Paul J McNeil** - September 20, 2023 at 11:57 AM