



## George Michael "Mike" Chafin

December 27, 1946 - March 6, 2016

Mr. George Michael "Mike" Chafin, 69, passed away at his home on Sunday, March 6, 2016 after a short battle with cancer.

Born December 27, 1946 in High Point, NC he was the son of the late George Thomas Chafin and the late Edna Stanton Chafin. In addition to his parents, Michael was also predeceased by his sister, Priscilla Chafin Culler; his father-in-law, Anthony F. Cicone; his mother-in-law, Tekla Ann Cicone; and his brother-in-law, Anthony F. Cicone, Jr.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy and served during the Vietnam War. Michael received his B.S. degree from High Point College and worked in the data processing field from 1965-2006. He worked for Western Union in Greensboro, NC and Moorestown, NJ before and after college. Michael retired from Kraft Foods after 28 years of dedicated service as an Inventory Planner, Transportation Coordinator, Customer Service Manager, and Information Systems Manager. He also served as his community HOA Administrator for the Honeywell system.

Michael enjoyed listening to smooth jazz and having his morning coffee on the porch by his serenity pond. He also enjoyed sailing, traveling; including cruises and visiting the U.S. National Parks. Michael also enjoyed quality time spent with family and friends.

Survivors include his loving wife of 44 years, Mary Ann Chafin; his daughter, Melissa Ann Chafin and her partner Josh Morris of Wilmington, DE; his son, Nicholas Matthew Chafin of Alpharetta, GA; his brother, Tom Chafin and his wife Linda of High Point, NC; his brother-in-law, Gene Cicone of Port Orange, FL; and many other extended family members and friends.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at the Catholic Church of St. James at 12:00PM Saturday, March 12, 2016 officiated by Father Tim Lijewski. Inurnment with military honors will follow at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church Columbarium in North Myrtle Beach.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the U.S. National Park Service, 1110 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005.

Please sign the online guest register at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is serving the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

1100 8th Avenue North  
North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. James Catholic Church  
1071 Academy Drive  
Conway, SC 29526  
<http://www.stjamesconway.org/>

## Memorial Service

MAR 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Mary Ann, our deepest sympathy and condolences to you and your family. We were shocked and so sorry that we didn't hear in time to attend the funeral Mass. We're glad we had the opportunity to spend time with you and Mike at our recent 50th class reunion and we were looking forward to seeing more of you both here in South Carolina. We will keep you and Mike in our prayers. Please don't hesitate to call if there is anything we can do. Mike and Deb Stonefield*

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**Deborah (Santoro) Stonefield** - March 14, 2016 at 09:08 PM

WU

“ *RIP Sailor and fellow Vietnam Vet !!!!!  
Wayne Williams  
United States Marine Corps*



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**Wayne Williams - USMC** - March 14, 2016 at 08:21 AM

TB

“ *Mary Ann, words cannot express how sorry I am for the loss of the love of your life, Michael. The two of you as a couple set the bar high for a loving and grateful marriage. We shared a lot of great times in our younger years, memories I cherish to this day. I'm truly sorry to miss the service but know I am thinking of you and remembering Michael. May God bless you and all the family and keep you in his loving care today and in the days to come.*



*Much love,  
Terri Beatty*

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**Terri Beatty** - March 12, 2016 at 09:57 AM

GF

“ *Our hearts are broken for you all, Mary Ann. It seems like we were just there admiring your beautiful home laughing and enjoying your company. I guess that's how life is. Gene was telling me about how much they would look forward to the "Chafin visit" when they were younger. They always had so much fun with their cousins. I'm so glad we have stayed in touch over the years. We love all of you. We have you all in our prayers. You are a Godly woman and you know that God will give you the strength to help you through this, although at times I'm sure you will wonder how. We will see you Saturday. Love, Gene and Barbara*



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**Gene & Barbara Frazier** - March 11, 2016 at 06:37 AM

CE

“ *Our condolences to Nick and family. Thoughts and prayers to you at this sorrowful time. With sympathy, Chuck and Christine Emmons*

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**christine emmons** - March 11, 2016 at 06:02 AM

 Sherry Elizabeth

“ *Mary Ann,  
We are so sorry that we can't make it to the service this weekend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Love,  
Sherry, Tyler, Emily and Brian* ❤️



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**Sherry Elizabeth** - March 10, 2016 at 09:30 PM

PM

“ *MaryAnn,  
  
There are no words to convey the sadness we felt opening the paper to Michael's obituary. You're far away, but never far from thought. Good memories never die.  
You were an inspirational couple and family. Our sincerest sympathy for your loss.  
  
Bob & Pat McGill*

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**Pat McGill** - March 10, 2016 at 06:48 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of George Michael "Mike" Chafin .*



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March 10, 2016 at 10:21 AM

JF

“ Dear Chafin family:

*I wish to convey my sincerest condolences to your entire family. Losing a loved one in death is one of the hardest things that anyone will ever have to deal with. There is a great hope held out to us for the future because God promises to bring those we lost back to life by means of a resurrection to a paradise earth, where sickness and death will be no more. I hope this brief message will bring you a measure of comfort in this difficult time.*

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**johnson family** - March 09, 2016 at 07:30 PM

 Betty Sakers

“ Mike: We will remember talking with you as you would sit on your veranda watching us mow your lawn. We will miss you. May the peace of the Lord be with Mary Ann and the rest of your family.

*Betty and John*

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**Betty Sakers** - March 09, 2016 at 09:05 AM