



## Michael Edward Badolato Sr.

December 30, 1925 - April 12, 2018

On April 12, 2018, Michael Edward Badolato, Sr., age 92, passed peacefully from this life with his family at his side.

Mike was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland and was the son of Michael and Grace Badolato, hardworking Italian immigrants, one of eight children. He was raised in west Baltimore and until World War II attended Baltimore Polytechnic High School and worked in a steel mill. Part of “The Greatest Generation”, he grew up during the depression and at the age of eighteen enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force. He was a proud World War II veteran, enlisting in February 1944, and was trained as an armorer and was a ball turret gunner and air crew member aboard B-24 bombers, serving his country with the 33rd Bomb Squadron, 22nd Bomb Group in the Pacific theater attaining the rank of Sergeant. He served in quite a number of campaigns, Bismarck Archipelago, China Defensive, China Offensive, New Guinea, Luzon and western Pacific. Mike’s decorations included Air Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with One Bronze Star and World War II Victory Ribbon. After the war, Mike was discharged honorably and returned to Baltimore. There he met and married Betty Lee Anderson, and remained a devoted husband for over 68 years. They raised three boys, Michael Edward Badolato, Jr., Daniel Lee Badolato, and David Louis Badolato (who passed away in infancy). He was a career businessman, and after his return from World War II service began as a bookkeeper, then a cashier in the insurance field. Throughout is

career he worked with several insurance companies and was ultimately a Bond Manager with CNA, where he retired. Mike was an avid golfer and followed it closely, and was a member of the Royal Golf Club, sharing his passion for the game with his wife Betty. He also was an avid reader. Mike was a devout Catholic and was a Member of the Church of the Nativity, in Lutherville, Maryland where he raised his family and lived most of his retirement. After their retirement in Maryland, Mike and Betty enjoyed travel throughout the United States and throughout Europe. They played lots of golf enjoying many golf courses in their travels. They enjoyed dining out frequently. They then relocated to Conway, SC to reside near their son Dan and his wife Diane, whom they remained very close. Mike and Betty were inseparable and were both involved in their children's activities in Boy Scouts Troop 497 in Texas, MD and Explorers Post 998 in Timonium, MD, then with the Kiwanis Club in Timonium and Towson, Maryland. Mike was past President, Secretary and Treasurer during his time with Kiwanis which spanned 50 years.

Mike is survived by his wife Betty, two sons, Michael Jr. of Montana and Utah, Daniel and his wife Diane of Conway, SC; grandchildren, David Louis Badolato and wife Meghan, and Christopher Daniel Badolato, and two little great granddaughters, Grace Anne "Gracie" and Frances Mae "Frankie". He is also survived by sisters, Carmela Gibson and Grace Kilchenstein and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by sisters, Mary Badolato, Rose Butler, and Gloria Cieri; and brothers Anthony "Al" Badolato and Louis "Lou" Badolato.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in honor of Mike may be made to: Delone Catholic High School, Office of Development, 140 South Oxford Avenue, McSherrystown, PA

17344 717-637-5969, [www.delonecatholic.org/donate\\_now](http://www.delonecatholic.org/donate_now)

Or Mount St. Joseph High School, 4403 Frederick Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21229

410-900-1209, [www.msjnet.edu/giving](http://www.msjnet.edu/giving)

A viewing will take place on Monday, April 16, 2018, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel, 11528 Highway 17 Bypass, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.

A memorial service will be held in Mike's honor the following morning at 11:00 am at Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel. A reception will follow.

Visitation, Mass of Christian Burial and funeral will take place in Maryland.

Lemmon Funeral Home of Dulaney Valley, Inc., 10 W. Padonia Road, Timonium, Maryland 21093, 410-656-1382 is handling those arrangements.

Sign the family's guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is assisting the Badolato family with local arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Edward Badolato Sr.



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*Absolutely beautiful. Such precious memories* ❤️

Sandy and Larry Scott - April 15, 2018 at 02:24 PM

AD

*Beautiful tribute!!!*

Anne Decker - April 15, 2018 at 06:41 PM

CT

*I am crying over this most beautiful remembrance of and tribute to your father!* ❤️

Cheryl Trudeau - April 16, 2018 at 03:14 PM

HJ

*Dan and Diane, sending our deepest sympathies. Horace and Diane Jones*

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Wayne Williams  
United States Marine Corps



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