



Michael Ciraco

December 3, 1922 - July 26, 2011

Retired Brigadier General, Michael M. Ciraco, age 88, of Conway, SC, passed away Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at his residence.

He was born December 3, 1922 in Westchester County, NY a son of the late Nicolo Ciraco and the late Mary Aiello Ciraco. General Ciraco was a resident of Mamaroneck, NY until moving to Conway, SC in 1989. He graduated from Mamaroneck High School in 1941 where he was a member of the golf team. General Ciraco married Josephine Santoro in 1947. She passed away in 1993. While living in New York, they were members of St. Vito's Catholic Church.

As a World War II veteran, General Ciraco was an Army tank commander and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. General Ciraco's "8th Armored Division" was part of General Patton's third Army through France and into Berlin. He joined the New York Air National Guard in 1948 where he was called to active duty in the United States Air Force serving in Newfoundland from 1951-1953. During his career, General Ciraco was also activated to Germany during the Berlin Crisis in 1961 and again in 1971. He was the Station Detachment Commander of Roslyn Air National Guard Station in Roslyn, NY and the Vice Commander of the Headquarters of the 152nd Tactical Control Group, NYANG. He retired as a Brigadier General.

General Ciraco was involved in many community and civic committees in Mamaroneck. He was an ex-captain in the Mamaroneck Volunteer Engine and Hose Co. #3 with 45 years of active service, and an associate member until his death. He was on the board of directors of the G.I. Civic Association and served as a leader and volunteer with the village recreation department, republican committee, St. Vito's Church Bazaar, and was named the first Mamaroneck "Man of the Year," recognizing his numerous contributions to the community.

General Ciraco was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Conway. He was an avid golfer who consistently shot his age or below in past years while a member of the Burning Ridge Tracers.

General Ciraco is survived by his sons and daughter-in-law: Michael A, Ciraco and Susan Schrader Ciraco of Murrells Inlet, SC and Richard J. Ciraco of Myrtle Beach, SC, his grandchildren and great grandchildren: Michael F. Ciraco and his wife Bambi and their daughter Skylark, and Michelle Ciraco Mattes and her husband Curt and their daughter Morgan Josephine.

He is also survived by his wife Josephine's siblings: Carmella Santoro, Louis Santoro, Sr., and Anthony Santoro, Jr.

He was predeceased by his siblings: Nicholas, Joseph, Vito, Katherine Macri, Felicia Gironda, and Mary Piacente.

Donations in memory of Michael M. Ciraco, Brigadier General Retired, may be sent to the Honor Flight Grand Strand/Myrtle Beach, WW II Memorial Trip, PO Box 1212, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

A funeral Mass with full Military Honors will be celebrated at 10:00 AM

Saturday, August 20, 2011 at St. James Catholic Church.

Please sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is serving the family.

Tribute Wall

AZ

“ *Annette Zatlovich lit a candle in memory of Michael Ciraco*



Annette Zatlovich - July 30, 2011 at 11:16 AM

AZ

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Uncle Mike and his entire family. Friday night bowling nights will be one memory I will never forget. God Bless and both are looking down at each one of us. Annette (Santoro)

Annette (Santoro) Zatkovich - July 30, 2011 at 11:20 AM

PK

“ *I am sure going to miss my buddy "Mikey" on my walks through the neighborhood! He was always working out in his yard, and always stopped what he was doing to give me a hug. I loved reading about all of his accomplishments. It's hard to imagine making that many contributions to the world around you on so many levels. He'll be missed all over the place! With much love, Pat Klinck AKA "Sunshine"*

Pat Klinck - July 29, 2011 at 04:03 PM

FF

“ *MICHAEL;*

*PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SINCERE CONDOLANCES. GOD BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY NOW AND FOREVER.
JEAN, FRANK AND LUCY FORLANO*

FRANK D. FORLANO - July 29, 2011 at 03:24 PM

MR

“ On behalf of the Village of Mamaroneck please accept our condolences for a true hero and a valued member of the community. Mike's life is a testament to the best ideals of the USA as a member of the military and a true representative of the "Friendly Village".

God Bless his memory.

*Mayor Norman Sirlin Rosenblum
Village of Mamaroneck*

Mayor Norman Sirlin Rosenblum - July 29, 2011 at 01:15 PM

CA

“ *Cathy, Duke And AJ lit a candle in memory of Michael Ciraco*



Cathy, Duke and AJ - July 29, 2011 at 07:46 AM

MM

“ *Our thoughts an prayers are with you Richie an your family.. We are for you. If you need anything let us know. Laura an Eric Mortell*



Mr. & Mrs. Mortell. - July 29, 2011 at 12:11 AM

KC

“ We were thankful we had the chance to see Mike this July, for a quick 'hello'. We will miss our visits and hearing all of his wonderful stories. Sincerely, Kelly & Eric Carrier

K & E Carrier - July 28, 2011 at 07:03 PM

KC

“ K & E Carrier lit a candle in memory of Michael Ciraco



K & E Carrier - July 28, 2011 at 07:00 PM

JL

“ I am a member of Honor Flight and was touched by the family's kind gesture. I never met BG Ciraco but I know he must have been a wonderful man. My mother was from Mamaroneck, and a year younger than BG Ciraco. I'm sorry I never got to meet him and talk about Mamaroneck. I wonder if they knew each other. My thoughts are with the family. Thank you again.

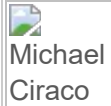
Jacci Lobaugh, Honor Flight

Jacci Lobaugh - July 28, 2011 at 01:01 PM

FS

“ Mike - I will miss your warm handshake at 4:30Mass @ St. James - Fred Searles

Fred H. & Pat A. R. Searles - July 28, 2011 at 12:25 PM



Michael Ciraco

“ *Michael Ciraco lit a candle in memory of Michael Ciraco*



Michael Ciraco - July 28, 2011 at 10:34 AM



CC

“ *Cindy Cheatwood lit a candle in memory of Michael Ciraco*



Cindy Cheatwood - July 28, 2011 at 07:49 AM



We only knew Mike a short time but what a nice man. Always had a smile on his face at the golf course and at dinner club. Mike we will miss you. Linda and Bill

Linda Harrison - July 28, 2011 at 08:52 PM