



Michael C. Banwell Sr.

March 3, 1961 - February 26, 2024

Michael was born in India and spent his early childhood at Dr. Graham's orphanage in Kalimpong, India. He came to America at the age of 8, having been adopted by his late father, John Godwin Banwell, and mother, Bland Banwell. He attended grade school in Baltimore, MD, and Lexington, KY. In VA, he graduated from Fishburne Military School and attended Blue Ridge Community College. Michael Sr. was a successful investor and financial advisor for 34 years, holding positions at Prudential, Mid Penn Bank, and Citizen's bank. He obtained the Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow (LUTCF) certification from the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA). Michael also acquired the Certified Retirement Counselor (CRC) designation from the International Foundation for Retirement Education (INFRE). He was an accomplished musician and composer from the age of 8, proficient across many instruments, including the piano and guitar. He enjoyed spending hours composing, recording, and playing music. He was a part of the Donegal community for 24 years, coaching youth basketball and baseball.

Michael is survived by his mother Bland Banwell, brother Ian Banwell, sisters Elizabeth Banwell and Susan Van Haute, son Michael Charles Banwell Jr., his daughter in law Claudia Banwell, his former wife and lifelong friend Sharon Banwell, his partner and soulmate Kelly Weidman, his stepdaughter Aubrey Houseal, and numerous nieces and nephews.

To his family and friends, his legacy will be remembered for his support and

care for them, along with leading by example, instilling strong values of hard work, integrity, discipline, and perseverance.

In lieu of flowers, if you would like to donate in Michael's memory, we ask that you please make a gift to Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, VA for the advancement of young men.

A viewing will be held at the Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Friday, March 1, 2024 from 10 AM to 12 PM.

Following will be a celebration of life at The Gathering Place, 6 Pine Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Sheetz Funeral Home
16 East Main Street
Mount Joy, PA

Celebration of Life

MAR 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

The Gathering Place
6 Pine Street
Mount Joy, PA 17552

Tribute Wall

CF

“ *It is with sadness and some surprise that I learned of Michael's death. I only knew him for a few years through Citizens. I know he was proud of his extended family and appeared to get great joy from his relationships and many interests in life. I am sure you will miss him. You have my deepest sympathy.*

Carolyn French - March 05, 2024 at 09:04 PM

SN

“ *Our sincere sympathy goes out to the Banwells. Mr Banwell will always be remembered as a friend and fellow coach. Prayers go out to young Mike and the rest of the family. RIP my friend.*

Scott and Ronda Ney

Scott Ney - February 29, 2024 at 05:07 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Ryan / Corvette Mike memories*



Ryan Murse - February 29, 2024 at 01:12 PM

CD

“ Our sincere sympathy to Mike's family. I met Mike when he moved to Mount Joy, at the time I was a Welcome Wagon representative he then became a client with Welcome Wagon. Over the years we became friends, I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to know Mike for his kindness was very special.

Cherie Dillow - February 29, 2024 at 10:15 AM

FK

“ Our condolences goes out to Michael's family and those who loved him. We did business with him at Citizen's bank. Always friendly and very knowledgeable of what he was trying to help you with. We will miss doing business with him. May God's blessings of comfort be with you. Frank & Barbara

F. & B. Kreider - February 28, 2024 at 05:03 PM

BS

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to his son and the rest of the family! Mr. Banwell will forever be a part of our lives as our boys grew up together!

Barbie Smith - February 27, 2024 at 10:08 PM

DD

Sending sympathy and prayers to His son, families, and friends. Our boys grew up and played sports together- Mr. Banwell will never be forgotten. Good man he was !!! RIP

Dan & Mary Jo Dietrich - February 28, 2024 at 12:49 AM

DE

Sympathies and prayers during this difficult time to the family. Mr. Banwell has made a forever positive impact on so many.

David Eichler - February 28, 2024 at 10:36 AM

RR

Condolences to the Banwell family.. Michael was my financial advisor. At our last meeting, we shared adoption stories. He was very supportive to me in that regard and I appreciated that.

Roseanne Rogers - February 28, 2024 at 01:15 PM

RS

Very sad to hear about Mike Banwell. I was at Fishburne in the class behind Mike and in a different company, but like Mike, was a musician and we had great conversations about music. Mike was the company commander of Band Company, a rag-tag bunch of goof-offs and misfits, "mostly" in uniform. They played off-key and barely kept the cadence for marching. Mike worked so hard to kindly rein them in, train them, teach them music, and always looked a little exasperated, and tired, but somehow maintained a sense of humor about it all (I know the rest of us sure did). By Graduation, Band Company was well-tuned.

Kindest Regards,

*Mr. Rolfe Sauls
FMS, Class of '81,*

Rolfe Sauls - February 28, 2024 at 04:56 PM

SB

Mike was my former spouse, and forever lifelong friend for over 30 yrs. He had a strong passion for family, friends, music, art, baseball, basketball, cars, antique and collectibles. He had alot of accomplishments, however his greatest achievement was giving his heart to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. He is resting safely in his arms where there is no more pain and suffering. He was given Ever Lasting Life after saying a simple prayer. ✨ When we all get to Heaven what a day of rejoicing that will be! Love Always, Sharon Banwell.

Sharon Banwell - February 29, 2024 at 10:45 AM