



Michael J. Ross Sr.

May 17, 1942 - September 5, 2025

Michael J. Ross Sr., 83, of Mount Joy, passed away on Friday, September 05, 2025 at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Uniontown, PA, he was the son of the late Joseph and Mary (Dorchnic) Ross. Michael was the husband of the late Sandra L. (Sutter) Ross who passed away on October 31, 2017.

Michael was a graduate of South Park High School in South Park, PA and later received his BS in nuclear technology from New York State University. He proudly served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from 1960 to 1968. Michael started his career at Shaw, Stone, and Webster Inc. in Baton Rouge, LA. He spent 34 years at with General Public Utilities at Three Mile Island before his retirement in 2007. Michael was a member of the American Legion Post 466 in Marietta, Elstonville Sportsmen's Association, and the United States Submarine Veterans Keystone Base USSIV. He enjoyed boating, hunting, time at Raystown Lake, and most of all spending time with his family.

Michael is survived by two daughters, Debra Beach, wife of Keith of Mount Joy and Tracey Ross, wife of Scott Gerberich of Manheim; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and a daughter in law, Sonia Ross of Maytown. He was preceded in death by a son, Michael Ross Jr.; his step-father, Frederick Long; and a half sister, LuAnn Little.

A memorial service honoring Michael's life will be held at the Sheetz Funeral Home, 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the funeral home

before the service from 10 AM to 11 AM. Interment will be private at Camp Hill Cemetery in Mount Joy. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice and Community Care, 685 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sheetz Funeral Home
16 East Main Street
Mount Joy, PA

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ I am sorry to hear of Mike's passing. It was a privilege to work for the man. Tough, but fair is how I will always remember him. He pushed me farther in my career than I thought I was capable of. I will remember him always fondly. My condolences to the family.

Jeff Riebling - September 11, 2025 at 08:18 PM

SM

“ Mike allowed me to have my start in the civilian nuclear field when he hired me directly out of the U.S. Navy in 1980 - I am honored to have the great privilege to again help restart the plant as I have come back as a SRO instructor. Mikes guidance and direction have stayed with me over the last 40 some odd years and I hope to pass it on to the new generation of operators who will run the plant. May you rest in peace - he was a great man and an inspiration to many - Steve Martin, Constellation Energy

Steve Martin - September 08, 2025 at 11:00 AM

GH

“ I owe my career to Mike. When GPU allowed immediate relatives to work at TMI, Mike called my Dad and asked him if I was still interested in a job. Mike interviewed me and I had a great job for the next 40 years. Mike always let us know when we did not uphold his standards but he always corrected us, supported us, and expected our best. God bless you Mike, I will never forget you.

George Herneisey - September 08, 2025 at 10:57 AM

MS

“ I worked with Mike at GPU Nuclear for several years. A great guy - smart, hardworking, and a team leader. May he rest in peace. He lived a full and prosperous life. With condolences, Michele McCue Shaffer, GPUN

Michele Shaffer - September 07, 2025 at 08:21 PM

PC

“ We were so sorry to read about Mike's passing. Both of us have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Mike for many years. He was always honest, straightforward, and highly respected. May you be comforted knowing Mike has touched many lives. Please accept our deepest sympathies.
Pam and Gary Chevalier

Pam and Gary Chevalier - September 07, 2025 at 11:06 AM

JS

“ When I started as a Control Room Operator at Three Mile Island in 1983, Mike interviewed me for the position. I remember him as a stern and very knowledgeable person. Over the years I developed a great deal of respect for Mike. He always protected those who worked for him. He demanded excellence but was always right there next to you working just as hard or harder.

James Stubbs - September 07, 2025 at 10:37 AM

CK

“ Dear Ross family. This is Casey Kraus 3. Mike was one if the most beautiful people I have had the pleasure knowing. We spent many hours together at Big Round Top Hunting Lodge in Perry County. Mike Jr. was cut from the same cloth. The way the Ross family lived and lives their lives is an example for all to emulate. May God bless you and give you strength, comfort, and peace.

Casey Kraus - September 07, 2025 at 10:04 AM

CV

“ Ross family, this is Chris Vogel. So very sorry to hear of Mike Sr's passing. So many great memories with your family. Mike Sr was always happy. Your Mom Sandy was my cub scout mom. I have countless amazing memories with Michael. From the Perry County cabin to shooting pheasants off the tractor with Mike while John Groff was driving picking corn. Prayers and hugs for Deb, Tracy and all of your family.

Chris Vogel - September 06, 2025 at 08:52 PM

CD

“ So sorry to hear about Mike. He was a great next door neighbor. Always a wave when ever we were outside.

Cheryl and Don - September 06, 2025 at 06:27 PM

CS

“ Deb, Tracey and family

I was sorry to see about the recent passing of your father. I always enjoyed chatting with both he and your mother at the bank and hearing about their trips to the mountains. May God's peace and comfort be near to you in the coming days.

Cindy Studebaker

Cindy Studebaker - September 06, 2025 at 05:05 PM

KB

“ *Condolences to Mike’s family. All of you should be very proud of the life your father lead. He was a great teacher, mentor, and leader. A great boss also, if you had the opportunity to work for him. The world is a little less bright with his passing. He will remain in the minds and hearts of an untold number of people who had the opportunity know him. God Bless.*

Ken Bryan - September 06, 2025 at 04:41 PM

DP

“ *Deb and Tracey
My condolences. Your father was always nice to me and whenever I drove by the house and he was outside he always had a wave for me.*

Dave Presto - September 05, 2025 at 10:35 PM