



## Michael Edward Schnapp

August 8, 1941 - May 31, 2017

Michael E. Schnapp, 75, died peacefully on May 31, 2017 at Flower Hospital. Born August 8, 1941, the eldest of three boys born to Helen M. (Papenfuse) and Bernard R. Schnapp, Mike attended the south-end St. James grade school. He attended the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio as a freshman, but enrolled as a sophomore at Central Catholic, from which he graduated in 1959. He enjoyed being a manager of the football team. He was included in the induction of the Central Catholic Hall of Fame with the 1959 18-0 basketball team.

He engaged in most sports . . . never scored a touchdown, never hit a home run and no one can attest to his ever scoring a basket (free throw, maybe). He bowled for thirty years, never had a 300 (280) or a 700 (680). He loved scouting, Troop #127 (Ad Altari Dei).

Mike worked at Tiedtke's and Owens Corning before beginning a printing apprenticeship at the Toledo Blade, where he was employed for 38 years. He was a member of Toledo Typographical Union #63 and a member of The Toledo Newspaper Guild. For several years, he was correspondent to the Toledo Union Journal as the writer for Local #63's 'PiLines' column. He also served for a short time as the editor of the Elk's 'Eleventh Hour News'.

He married the former Ruth Schlachter in 1962, resulting in four children, Jeffrey (Barb), Jennifer Schnapp-Jacobs (Jeff), Jerry (Lisa) and Jon. Their relationships resulted in twelve grandchildren; Rebecca, Heather, Allison and Zachary; Justin and Joel; Seancy, Marissa, Skylar, Bailey and Brandon; and

Mackenzie. The marriage ended in 1982.

Mike married Susan Mierzwiak in 1987. The couple traveled extensively with Shriners groups, and independently to Hawaii, Rome, Barcelona, Nice, and Venice.

He became a Master Mason in 1979 and a Zenobia Shriner in 1985. After an eleven-year stint as the editor of Zenobia's newspaper, The Hadji, becoming Editor Emeritus, and serving the Shrine in many offices, he became Zenobia Potentate (president) in 2007. He was a member of Damascus-Collingwood Lodge #643 F&AM, an honorary member of Rubicon Lodge #237. Mike was a member of Zenobia's Director's Staff (past president), Findlay Clowns, Cabiri #8, Wood County Shrine Club (past president), Hillbillies, Fucowee Tribe, Pharaohs. He was an honorary member of the Legion of Honor, the Evzones, Highlanders and Temple Guards. He was a member of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Toledo; Fort Miami/Calumet Chapter #191; Toledo Council # 33, R. & S. M.; and a member of Toledo Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar. He was a member of The Royal Order of Jesters and a Kachina. He belonged to Toledo Elks Lodge #53, and was a member of The National Order of Turtles, Pond #1. He was a supporter and former Board Member of the Browning Masonic Community. He was an ESGR (DoD) volunteer.

Mike had been perceived as the first 'Honor Flight' instigator. Returning home from a 2004 dinner meeting in Findlay, he told his wife, Susan, he was uncomfortable about a conversation he had had with friend, Glen Robinson, a 94-year old veteran, who expressed doubt that he would ever see the WWII Memorial. Susan encouraged him to take action, whereupon he enlisted the financial support of the Findlay Shrine groups and Zenobia's Legion of Honor (veterans group). He bought airline tickets and arranged a Washington escort through Congress' Marcy Kaptur's office. He enlisted fellow Findlay Shrine Club member, Richard Kelley, to accompany Glen. The flight departed from Toledo, August 18, 2004 with a Ms. Kaptur sendoff. Honor Flight Northwest Ohio began flights in April of 2008.

In 2001, he established, in conjunction with the Shriner's Burns Awareness Week, a night to honor local firemen. In 2003, Zenobia president, the late Dr. Patrick Pope, requested Dr. Jerry Argabrite to carry on the program to become a Firefighter's Awards Night, which featured the giving of awards for heroism, innovation and longevity. Those awards were presented by local television celebrities, Toledo mayors and State Rep. Teresa Fedor.

He was a strong supporter of most Central Catholic athletics, especially his "grandsons", the Irish Wrestling Team.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Ronald B., and nephew, Cletus.

Mike is survived by his beloved wife, Susan. Also surviving are his children, twelve grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren; brother, Steven L., sister-in-law, Michelle, and former wife, Ruth (Schlachter). Also, Godchildren, Michelle Heskett, Cheryl Kamencka, Frank M. Incorvaia, Richard Schnapp, and Jay Mierzwiak.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road on Sunday, June 4 from 2-8 p.m. with at Masonic Service at 7. The funeral service will begin in the mortuary on Monday, June 5 at 9:30 a.m. with the funeral mass to begin at 10:00 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. Burial will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful nurses, doctors, medical assistants, and dietician for their knowledge, kindness, and compassion as we navigated through these past two years.

Tributes may be made in the form of donations to Cincinnati Shriner's Burns Hospital or to the Shriner's Red Sneaker Fund for burns research.

Please leave a condolence message for the family at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Masonic

JUN 4. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614

## Funeral

JUN 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Joan Of Arc  
5856 Heatherdowns Blvd  
Toledo, OH



# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *John E. Schnapp lit a candle in memory of Michael Edward Schnapp*



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**John E. Schnapp** - July 05, 2019 at 11:33 AM

EN

“ *My sons wrestled for Central they graduated in 08 & 14 always seen him at meets. This past season my 3rd son was freshman wrestler and there he is sitting in the stands. We had the pleasure of sitting with him at the wrestling banquet great conversation . He will be missed ! The Nino Family*



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**Estella Nino** - June 04, 2017 at 03:09 PM

CS

“ *We were so sorry to learn of Mike's passing. He always made us feel very welcome in the Shrine family, extending a kind word or giving us advice on Shrine planning and protocol. Your loss is also a loss to all of us in the Shrine brotherhood.*

*We will be keeping you in our prayers.*

*Rich and Claudia Schroeder*

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**Claudia Schroeder** - June 04, 2017 at 01:32 PM

BS

“ Mike lived life and I was happy he enriched mine through knowing him  
He truly was a great guy

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**Barry Snider** - June 04, 2017 at 06:59 AM

NO

“ My deepest sympathy to the Schnapp family for your loss of Mike. He always had a pleasant simile and a sense of calm when we met at our annual Christmas gatherings. As a matter of fact Susan you and Mike sat at our table this past Christmas and all had an enjoyable time. Mike was a wonderful person. May his memory be Eternal and may God Bless him and the entire Schnapp family..

*Norm Ostrowski.....(CCHS 59)*

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**Norman Ostrowski** - June 03, 2017 at 11:07 PM

MF

“ Mary Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Michael Edward Schnapp



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**Mary Fletcher** - June 03, 2017 at 05:48 PM

PS

“ Paul G Schnapp lit a candle in memory of Michael Edward Schnapp



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**paul G Schnapp** - June 03, 2017 at 03:14 PM

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*May God hold you in his hands to comfort you during your time of loss.*



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**paul G Schnapp** - June 03, 2017 at 03:16 PM

JM

*Dear Susan and Family: my heart goes out to you all as you celebrate the life of Mike Schnapp. His passing is heartbreaking, but you can be consoled by the happy memories you share and the knowledge that his time on earth was spent in so many loving and charitable activities. My husband, Dave, enjoyed being with Mike and often shared stories of their times in the CCHS Class of 1959. While I can't be there now, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you as you travel this challenging road. May God give you strength and comfort.*

*Janey (Mrs. David) Melle*

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**Jane Melle** - June 05, 2017 at 09:39 AM

JP

“*Susan, our sincere sympathy to you and the entire family. I am so glad our paths crossed in this life. Mike was a true friend, and Fraternal Brother. I thought I knew a pretty fair amount about him after our conversations all these years. After reading his obit this past Thursday, I realized how much more he did during his lifetime; enriching lives, volunteering, and enjoying life. As I mentioned to you on Thursday, "While alive, he lived".*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family during this most difficult time.*

*God Bless.*

*Jim and Jill Parks*

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**Jim Parks** - June 03, 2017 at 02:50 PM

DB

“ *An absolute genuine and nice guy who loved Central Catholic sports! He will be truly missed, especially by the Irish wrestling & football families!*  
*Dean B.*

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**Dean Beauch** - June 03, 2017 at 01:05 PM

KW

“ *My deepest sympathy to Mike's family. Mike and I were childhood friends from the Old South End. I have fond memories of Mike. He was fun and played kick the can with the best of them. May your beautiful memories with Mike comfort you at this time of loss.*

*Sincerely, Karan Keier Wester*

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**Karan Keier Wester** - June 03, 2017 at 09:16 AM

JK

“ *To Ill Sir Mike Schnapp, your Lady Susan, Family and All Your Friends...*  
*It was a Honor to serve with you at Zenobia and In the Divan line....*  
*We will always have Great Memories... until we meet again.....*  
*Ill Sir Jeffrey F Kuhn*

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**Jeff Kuhn** - June 01, 2017 at 07:56 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Edward Schnapp.*



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June 01, 2017 at 07:35 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Edward Schnapp.*



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June 01, 2017 at 05:58 PM



“ *Our creator has forever used his hands to weave friendships and relationships that bring joy and sorrow. Mike was a man I am so glad to have meant. He immediately made me smile. I have so much sorrow for his family and wife. His absence from activities will bring sadness. This the timing of God. May Mike enjoy eternity and may all the living and mourning, forever feel the joy of Mike's smile and shenanigans in their hearts forever. Rest In Peace you wonderful man. You have gone to soon, but without leaving a tremendous legacy.*

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**Bob Young** - June 01, 2017 at 02:59 PM