



Michael Lloyd Baranik

August 23, 2010

USN Retired QMC (SS) Michael Lloyd Baranik Jennings: Chief Petty Officer (Ret) Michael L. Baranik, 49, of Madison, AL went to be with our Lord Wednesday morning after a courageous 6 year battle with cancer. He is survived by his daughter, Veronica Baranik; granddaughter Natalee Rose Alleman; sisters Pamela Wren and Cathy Scott; brother Joey Baranik; brothers-in-law David Wren and Patrick Scott; sister-in-law Deyna Baranik; three nephews, one niece, two aunts, and numerous cousins. Michael was also known as "Dad" to Andy Williams and Lauren and Kayleigh Kirkpatrick. He was a 1979 graduate of Airline High School in Bossier City, LA and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Liberty University in 2003. Chief Baranik served his country with distinction in the US Navy for 24 years in several capacities to include Instructor, Yard Craft Boad Captain/Craftsman, and most recently as a Drug and Alcohol Counselor. He was also submarine qualified. After retirement from the military, Michael continued to serve the needs of others as a Drug and Alcohol Abuse counselor and a part time minister in Jennings, LA. He also established and operated "The Shepherd's House", a Christian based non-profit recovery ministry. Michael was well known for his strong faith in Jesus which he shared with all, his desire to help others, and a wonderful sense of humor. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his father Joseph and mother Hazel. Funeral services will be held at Matthews & Son Funeral Home in Jennings on Monday, August 23, 2010 @ 10:00 AM with Pastor Evers

officiating the services. A rosary will be recited on Sunday evening at 6:00 PM. The Baranik family request visitation be observed on Sunday, August 22nd from 2:30 PM until 7:00 PM and resume on Monday morning at 8:00 AM until the time of services. Michael will be laid to rest in Andrus Cove Cemetery where he will be honored with full military rites. Carrying Michael to his eternal resting place will be David Wren, Patrick Scott, Andy Williams, Kirk Menard, Jessie Ewing, and Carson Baranik.

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Lloyd Baranik*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM

“Michael was such a dear and close part of my life, as well as such a close part of my children's lives. For 14 years, my children knew him as their second father. Michael was such a blessing to us in more ways than I could ever mention. He taught us the love of Christ more than we had already known, and led us through a christian based life that has forever changed the way of life for each of us. He made us laugh, he made us happy, and he gave us memories that we will keep alive forever. Michael was not just a friend, but became an eternal family member for anyone whom was blessed enough to meet him. Michael was never one to hold a grudge against anyone. Instead, he chose to pray about the situation, and always believed that God would work things out when we ourselves couldn't. He was the easiest person to talk to, and would help any person through any situation that he could. No matter what problem a person had, Michael always had a bible verse, or more that would always help. He was the most Godly man I've ever had the opportunity to know. My heart aches with sadness that my dear friend will no longer be around to make me laugh, to pray with me, or to be the inspiration I need when life may sometimes get overwhelming. I know that he will always be looking down on each of us. I will always keep those words etched in my mind that he would always tell me, "pray about it, let it go, don't worry about it, and let God handle it for you." My children were helped raised by Michael, and we will forever be grateful for all that he has ever done for each one of us. Nothing we can ever say could thank him enough for all that he had done for us, but one day, we will all meet again. My dear friend, I will keep your legacy and your memories alive. The kids will never forget you. My memories are fond and long, and with the stories, laughter, memories, photos, and videos, I promise you that the kids will always remember you.

For the family, my heartfelt thoughts go out to you, and my grief is shared with you. Michael meant so much to everyone, and he will be greatly missed. The human part of us would want to have kept him here with us all, but the christian, heart and soul side of us know that we must let him rest peacefully now. He will eternally look down upon each of us, forever watch over us, and be with us in our

hearts whenever we need him. His long and courageous battle with cancer is now over. He is no longer suffering, nor in any pain. You all took care of him and stayed by his side until the very end. He knows that you did all for him as he had requested. I pray that your individual pain and grief will heal, and you take comfort in knowing that he is where he has longed to be. Michael is looking down upon you, smiling, knowing that you made him proud with such a beautiful service, and an honorable burial. Cathy and Pam, be strong, and know that my prayers will continue for your grieving and healing hearts.

*My prayers and love always,
Wendy*

Wendy Lacey - August 24, 2010 at 12:21 AM

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“ *I am sincerely sorry for Michael's family for their loss. The memories he gave to all of us are remarkable and full of blessings. His smile was like no other I have ever encountered. My cherished memory will be his conversations and the sharing of his heart. He is with my brother & father now. May he continue to share! God made a wonderful person in him.*

*Love,
Melissa (Missie)*

Missie DeRouen Jenkins - August 18, 2010 at 02:49 PM