



Michael Edward Gangemella

November 21, 1957 - December 20, 2016

Michael E. Gangemella (affectionately known as Preacher or Pastor Mike) age 59, of New Castle, DE, entered heaven and heard “Well done thou good and faithful servant” on Tuesday, December 20, 2016. Michael served as pastor of Victory Baptist Church for 31 years before it merged with Pleasantville Baptist Church where he served another 2 years. He was known for his straight-shooting, expository preaching and fervent prayer life. Michael had a special love for the prison ministry and spent many long, rewarding hours ministering at “Gander Hill.” With a passion for world-wide missions, Michael forged great friendships with those who went on to share the Gospel around the globe. Michael loved being competitive and there wasn’t a sport he didn’t excel in – basketball was his favorite. Many wonderful memories were made around the dining room table where family and friends gathered to play board games together. Michael was a hard worker and instilled this trait in his children. He spent many hours mowing lawns to be a blessing to others. Michael dearly loved (and spoiled!) his wife and soulmate, was fiercely proud of his 4 children, enjoyed the relationships he had with his sons-in-law, and was thrilled to become a grandpa.

Michael is survived by his devoted wife, Linda; 4 children: Amy Carcach (Marcelo), Major Michael Gangemella Jr.(USMC), Leah Sutherland (Hussein), and Katie Gangemella; grandson, Dean Michael Carcach; mother, Angelina Borodemos; sister, Donna McGoff; mother-in-law, Madeline Rebert; and a host

of extended family. He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Gangemella; stepfather who raised him, Demo Borodemos; and father-in-law, Henry Rebert.

A visitation will be held Friday, December 23, 2016 from 5-7 at Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Rd, Newark, DE 19702 followed by a service in celebration of Michael's life at 7 PM. Burial will be private. Michael specifically requested that there be no money "wasted" on flowers but rather that it be sent to the missions program at Pleasantville Baptist Church, 162 #B Christiana Rd., New Castle, DE 19720 as a lasting gift to be used to benefit the spread of the Gospel. For directions or to send an online condolence visit www.stranofeeley.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd
Newark, DE 19702
(302) 731-5459
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Service

DEC 23. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

FF

“ I'm Frank an old friend of Mikes. I accidentally came upon this sad tribute for Mike. I grew up with Mike in Middletown RI. He lived across the street from Tommy's diner on East Main Road. We had a gang that used to have all kinds of fun and play any sport we could think of and he always was the best. He was a great friend to us all. I'm very sorry.

Frank Flaherty - August 26, 2025 at 07:33 PM

JG

“ Leah and Family, thank you for letting me give your Father some comfort on his Birthday on 11/21/16 with a Therapeutic Massage. Also sharing a piece of his Birthday Cake with me and my husband. Even though, I only spent about an hours worth of time with your Father, what a beautiful soul and spirit and kind man. May your Father continue to guide us "all" from the Heavens. Lots of Love and Peace during this time of transition.

Joan Gennarini - January 11, 2017 at 10:42 PM

SH

“ Shawn Harper sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Edward Gangemella



Shawn Harper - December 23, 2016 at 05:53 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Edward Gangemella.*



December 23, 2016 at 10:23 AM



“ *Remembering the second time I met Preacher Mike. He came out of the Chaplains office at Gander Hill, took control of the pulpit and preached his no nonsense, direct message on sin, hell, hope, Jesus, salvation. I'll never forget May 8, 1991, 8:30 pm.*

*Thank you for the love and compassion the you had toward the lost.
Jude 22-23*

"and of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire;.."

*Love you Preacher Mike, till I see you again.
Kevin R*

Kevin Rodriguez - December 23, 2016 at 04:15 AM



“ *Linda
So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
God Bless*

Ed. & Cheryl Mckeown

Ed. & Cheryl McKeown - December 22, 2016 at 06:33 PM

SH

Dear Linda @ Family

I'm so sorry for your loss pastor Mike was such a good man and father who was always there for us in our time of need our family thought the world of him ,he will never be replaced nor forgotten .Thank you for all of good memories .You will be sadly missed .You are in our thoughts and prayers

The Harper's

Shawn Harper - December 23, 2016 at 05:39 PM

VJ

“ *To Linda and the Gangemella family, on Tuesday I too lost someone very close..Pastor Mike who guided me to the Lord was a very special friend..I considered pastor my brother. Just remembering all the days we played basketball..I'll miss you pastor...Many lives will not be the same...Family...Stay strong in the Lord! Much Love!*

Vince Johnson - December 21, 2016 at 11:13 AM

MJ

“ *Pastor Mike will be missed. He baptized me, encouraged me, & strengthened me. Absent from the body but present with the Lord. Rest in peace. Until we meet again.*



Monique johnson - December 21, 2016 at 11:10 AM

BF

“ *I send my condolences to the entire Gangamella Family. My God carry and strengthen you all through this time. Sincerely, Bartina Freeman & Family*



Bartina Freeman - December 21, 2016 at 03:16 AM

PA

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Palmers - December 20, 2016 at 11:04 PM

TN

“ *Travis E Norris purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Michael Edward Gangemella.*



Travis E Norris - December 20, 2016 at 07:54 PM

SE

“ Dear Linda, Children, & family,

Melinda and I are so sorry for your loss. Praying for you guys during this time and for God's loving arms of comfort to engulf you with His grace and peace. We loved Pastor Gangemelia as did everyone who got to know him and appropriate his demeanor and his sky smile as he looked on as others were enjoying fellowship. Only God knew that our time in Savannah sight seeing with you dear folks would be our last time of fellowship with Pastor Mike this side of glory. Many great memories of that day and many other days with Sis Linda and Pastor Mike that we will cherish until we gather together again in Heaven one glorious day. Praying much in the days ahead as you grieve the loss of such a great man of God.

Love in Christ,

*Stanley & Melinda Ewing
Bandung, Indonesia*

Stanley Ewing - December 20, 2016 at 07:43 PM

DD

Dear Ms Linda,

Janice and I will deeply miss our pastor, brother and dear friend in the Lord. We thank God for the Gangamela family and for pastors dear wife Linda. Pastor Mike meant so many things to so many people, but I believe he is most loved for the lives he touched preaching and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I am one of those people. May God give comfort and grace to Ms Linda and the family in the days ahead. He will sorely be missed by all that knew him. My heart is saddened by his not being with us, but there is also much joy in our hearts, fore we know he is with his Savior Jesus Christ whom he loved dearly. God bless.

*Love in Christ
Don & Janice Delia*

Don Delia - December 21, 2016 at 12:19 PM

CT

Dear Linda,

Yesterday I learned from our church secretary that your husband had entered Heaven. I was so sorry for you and your family and prayed for strength and comfort for you especially in the days ahead. I had met you both on the CTCA shuttle back in May. I had showed you some tracts which I thought were so good. Maybe now you remember me a little. It is wonderful to know that you will see your husband again in his glorious, perfect, pain-free body--Amen!

*Blessings to you,
Cindy Thompson
Calvary Independent Baptist Church, Quarryville, PA*

Cynthia J. Thompson - December 22, 2016 at 07:42 PM

JG

Linda and Family, I am so deeply sorry to hear of the passing of Pastor Mike. Thinking of you and keeping you in prayers

Joyce Greene - January 01, 2017 at 06:23 PM