



MSG (retired) Mark W. Click

January 31, 1945 - September 7, 2022

A Celebration of Life is scheduled to take place at Culver Military Academy Chapel on October 15, 2022 at 1:30 P.M. Culver Military Academy Chapel is located at 1300 Academy Road, Culver, IN 46511.

MSG (retired) Mark W. Click, 77 of Culver, passed away early Wednesday morning, September 7, 2022, at Raclin Hospice House in Mishawaka.

He was born on January 31, 1945, in Shenandoah County, Virginia to Mark W. Click, Sr. & Neda L. (Baker) Click. Mark entered the United States Army at the age of 17 and was honorably discharged in August 1985. During his service, Mark served in Panama, 2 tours in Vietnam, Alaska, and Korea, and several state-side assignments. As a certified instructor, Mark served as a Drill Sergeant while stationed at Fort Polk, LA, and Fort Knox, KY, and taught ROTC at the University of Kentucky. After retirement from the Army, he continued serving at the Culver Military Academy for 21 years in various roles including JROTC, Leadership, and Tactical Officer. He was also responsible for maintaining military vehicles, canons and leading the 4-Gun Drill honor organization.

On December 27, 1969, at St. Paul Church in Rockford Township, Wells County, Mark and Jo Ann (McAfee) were married.

Survivors include his wife Jo Ann Click of Culver, a son, Mark David (Rhonda) Click of Louisville, and a daughter, Janna M. (Ken) VanDePutte of Culver. He was a loving grandpa to 3 grandchildren; Kyle (Erin) VanDePutte of Culver, Janele VanDePutte of Culver, and Kenneth M. VanDePutte of Fort Drum, NY

and 4 great-grandchildren; Waylon & Weston Beatty of Louisville, Auden & Atley VanDePutte of Culver.

Mark is also survived by sisters; Betty Miller of Edinburg, VA, Ida "Dolly" Bowers of Chester, Virginia, Francis (Leslie) Ridout of Westerville, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Scott M. Click, brothers, William "Billy" Baker and David Click.

Funeral Services will take place at 1:30 P.M. on Monday, September 12, 2022 at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Mary Hyer (CGA `09) officiating. Burial will follow at St. Paul Cemetery in Bluffton with full military honors by the United States Army Honor Guard and American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton Honor Guard.

Visitation will take place from 11 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. on Monday at the funeral home, prior to the service.

Memorials may be made in Marks's memory to the Raclin Hospice House in Mishawaka, IN, your local humane shelter, or Culver Academy.

If you are unable to attend the funeral service in person, you can us the Zoom Meeting I.D. # 839 8511 8568, and login to the livestream after 1:15 on Monday.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the Click family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul Cemetery

1621 W. 300 N.
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 12. 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

ZOOM MEETING TO VIEW THE FUNERAL SERVICE

SEP 12. 1:15 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Celebration of Life Service

OCT 15. 1:30 PM (ET)

Culver Military Adacemy Chapel
1300 Academy Road
Culver, IN 46511

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of MSG (retired) Mark W. Click*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - September 12, 2022 at 11:55 AM

DM

“ *I have fond memories of Sgt Click when I returned a jeep or a quarter ton colors truck for the Artillery Battalion. Particularly if I parked it in the wrong place. He was strict but had nothing but love for all cadets who were fortunate enough to have the honor of coming into contact with him. Although I'm from the class of 1960, a long time ago and I have grown a little long in the tooth, I will always be grateful to him for his help and his patience with me and my fellow cadets. He should star in a remake of "The Long Grey Line" , it would sellout and set a record for Box office sales.*

*Dave Martinson
Battery "B" Class of 1960
Without*

dave Martinson - March 17, 2024 at 05:23 PM

TC

“ *I'll never forget the lessons Sarge taught me. What an incredible man!*

Thomas Cordes - October 05, 2022 at 11:10 PM

LT

“MSG Click and I started at CMA the same year. “Fungus in the brass, Terrazas!” Huh? “Gentlemen, you need a toothbrush to get rid of leftover Brasso!”

And who will ever forget the way he summoned us to attention? “Platoon! Atten—huuuhhhh!” There was never any doubt as to who was in charge.

MSG Click led through the moral force of his character. An honorable man and beloved drill instructor, he exhibited unwavering love and support for the cadets in his charge. Along with MSG Smith and CSM Hudson, I will miss him dearly.

*Luis M. Terrazas
CMA '88
Fort Worth, Texas*

Luis Terrazas - October 05, 2022 at 04:37 PM

CY

“MSG Click made a HUGE difference in my life as a Battery C cadet from 85-89, I arrived at Culver with little direction and even less discipline, and left with a bit more of each, which set me up for an eventful life! Thank you Culver and MSG Click for changing my life!
Chip Yates, CMA '89

Chip Yates - October 04, 2022 at 03:52 PM

ES

“MSG (retired) Click was a very significant force for good in my son, Drew's, life. MSG Click taught Drew and so many other young men very important life lessons. I will always be grateful to him for that great and good service.
Eddie Settles, Memphis, TN

Eddie Settles - September 16, 2022 at 01:55 PM

JB

“ So sorry to hear this Jo, Jana and Mark he was a great man. Love and prayer to you all.

JUDITH BURNS - September 13, 2022 at 03:30 PM



“ "Remembering You" 30" Solar Sonnet was purchased for the family of MSG (retired) Mark W. Click.



September 11, 2022 at 04:06 PM



“ 148 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - September 11, 2022 at 02:50 PM

BC

“Wow, what can I say. My condolences to the family. MSG Click was a very memorable part of my Culver experience. He understood discipline and order but was a very good guy. I used to be able to do quite a good impression of him while at Culver that could be convincing if you didn't see where it was coming from. We used to sneak over to the pond in the bird sanctuary on the weekend to fish in the spring or fall. I remember one time when we were walking up the trail and by time we got up there, there was MSG Click sitting on his cooler fishing. I thought we were busted, but he knew we were good cadets just looking to fish. He said "now I didn't see you boys here...". I hope he knew what a good impact he had on so many.

Brad Baber CMA90 - September 11, 2022 at 10:56 AM



“Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of MSG (retired) Mark W. Click.



September 10, 2022 at 04:10 AM



“Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of MSG (retired) Mark W. Click.



September 09, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of MSG (retired) Mark W. Click.*



September 09, 2022 at 09:03 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of MSG (retired) Mark W. Click.*



September 09, 2022 at 06:16 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of MSG (retired) Mark W. Click.*



September 09, 2022 at 03:34 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of MSG (retired) Mark W. Click.*



September 09, 2022 at 01:34 AM



“ *MSG (retired) Mark W. Click*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of MSG (retired) Mark W. Click.*



September 08, 2022 at 07:03 PM



“ *MSG (R) Click was a tough but gracious man. Spending a lifetime being a Soldier, Mentor, Teacher, and Friend. His family had to share him and his time, first with the Army but then with so many of us at Culver as we tried to grow up. His impact on so many can't be measured but he'll be missed. Damn few like him anymore. Rest easy warrior! Rest easy.*
COL (R) Bob Curriss

Robert Curriss - September 08, 2022 at 06:07 PM



*Jo Ann & family,
Sending you my sincere condolences; we were in 4-H together many years ago.
Many thanks for your service, as well as your husband's. It sounds like he was a wonderful man & soldier. My late husband was on subs for 28 years, so I'm aware of the many sacrifices you must have made.
I live in Carlsbad, CA/Northern San Diego Co.
Nancy Reusser Halstead*

Nancy Reusser Halstead - September 09, 2022 at 05:21 PM

MR

“ There is a long long list of memories of Sarge from my years at culver. We all of course know and still use the 5 P's but one of my favorites was one rainy morning they were going to announce rank in the dining hall. It was about 630am and my friend Alex and I were two of a few people in the hall and we hear a voice come from no where “boogity, boogity, boogity.”... we knew the voice right away. It was Sarge testing the mic behind a wall. 🎤. He was one of my favorite staff members and his light will be missed. 💔💔 - Magen Runyan

Magen Runyan - September 08, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of MSG (retired) Mark W. Click.



September 08, 2022 at 11:14 AM