



Michael S. Solick

January 14, 1936 - June 25, 2016

Michael S. Solick, 80, died at his home in Spring City, PA early Saturday morning, June 25, 2016. Born and raised in Summit Hill, PA, he was a son of Michael and Jean K. (Pogwist) Solick. A 1960 graduate of West Chester State College with a music degree, Mr. Solick spent most of his career as the Band Director at Phoenixville High School. In 1984 he voluntarily filled the elementary instrumental position in the school district and accepted Music Coordinator duties until his retirement in 1993. A veteran, he served for the U.S. Navy and was stationed in Pearl Harbor. He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Spring City, PA.

Mr. Solick is survived by his wife of 55 years, Joan Marie (Parr) Solick; Three Daughters, Michele M. (James) Sinnott of Phoenixville, PA, Lynn K. (Benjamin) Pupek of Warwick Township, PA, Pamela J. (Del) Fuller of State College, PA; Son, Michael A. (Jaclyn) Solick of Gilbertsville, PA; Brother, Walter S. Solick; Three Sisters, Anna Marie Grossman, Margaret Menconi, and Florence Philip; Twelve Grandchildren, One Great-Granddaughter, and Several Nieces and Nephews; Mr. Solick was predeceased by One Sister, Dolores J. Burton.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Mass at St. Joseph's R.C. Church, 3640 Schuylkill Road, Spring City, PA on Saturday, July 2, 2016 at 10:30 am. Officiating will be Rev. Charles R. O'Hara. Burial will be held in the

Holy Trinity Cemetery, Phoenixville, PA. Friends will be received from 9:15 am - 10:15 am Saturday at St. Joseph's R.C. Church. Contributions may be made to the "Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund", www.fallenheroesfund.org, or by mail, One Intrepid Square, West 46th Street and 12th Ave, New York, NY 10036. Condolences may be made and the video tribute may be viewed by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA.

Cemetery Details

Holy Trinity Cemetery

1258 Fillmore Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460
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Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's R.C. Church
3640 Schuylkill Road
Spring City, PA 19475

Mass

JUL 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's R.C. Church
3640 Schuylkill Road
Spring City, PA 19475

Tribute Wall

TP

“ Just found this obituary....Sorry for your loss....thought you might enjoy a photo of Mike when he played in his first band, back when he was a sophomore at Summit Hill High School. Again my sincere condolences.... Tony Pantoni (Guitar).



Tony Pantoni - August 29, 2023 at 02:44 PM

SH

“ Dear Cousin Joan and family, my sincere sympathy to all of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love and hugs, Sandy Hess

Sandy Hess - July 14, 2016 at 11:42 PM

JT

“ Dear Aunt Joan, Michelle, Lynn, Pam and Michael, I am sorry I was unable to be there today, but please know that I have been praying and thinking of all of you. Uncle Mike had a lot of talent and spunk, and I will always remember the fun times we had at family events listening to him play and dancing the polka. I loved the video tribute - beautiful! Love and peace to all of you during this difficult time. Love, Janine, Joe, Michael and Kylie

Janine Turner - July 02, 2016 at 02:18 PM

JH

“ Hi Pam - a blast from your past many years ago. This is Jim Hahn who taught at Phoenixville HS more than 30 years ago (yikes). Unfortunately bad news travels fast and my phone blew up with the news of your Dad. My heart sunk, but also brought back MANY fond memories. Please know what a tremendous influence your Dad had on me. He is without question my number one mentor in music education. Your Dad believed in me enough to hire me and be the successor to his legacy at PAHS. He never tried to stop me from leaving to move to CA and gave incredible advice when I departed. HIS legacy will continue through me as well as his advice I have shared with 27 past student teachers and will share with my 28th in the fall. My heart is heavy for you, your Mom, Michelle, Lynn, and Mike. I am very disappointed I will not be in PA for the services, but please know I will certainly be there in spirit. Your Dad was and still is a HUGE influence in my life. Be strong and and take solace in the fact that your Dad's teachings helped give direction and discipline to THOUSANDS of students through the power of music. PLEASE give my best to your Mom and your siblings. "Teachers effect eternity - know one knows where their influence ends".

Jim Hahn - July 02, 2016 at 08:39 AM

RK

“ Mr. Solick was an incredible force in my life. He taught me to play my first musical instrument in elementary school and encouraged me to play many more. He was our band director in high school. He was devoted, driven and truly cared about his students. I remember those years as some of the best in my life. I will never forget him. My condolences to his family and close friends.
Roger Keyser, Class of '75

Roger Keyser - June 30, 2016 at 09:57 PM

 Susan Baranek

“ Dear Lynn,
*I am keeping you and your family in my thoughts. I never had your dad as a teacher so it is nice to see so many wonderful tributes to him. I do know that he and your mom passed their musical genius down to their children! What a gift.
My love to you in this time of sorrow.
Sue (Rife) Baranek*

Susan Baranek - June 30, 2016 at 04:42 PM

FZ

“ *To the Solick Family-
Mr. Solick was truly a wonderful teacher who always brought out the best from his students, not only as musicians, but as people. I will never forget the lessons he taught and the passion he had for his craft. May God grant him rest in the dwelling of the Saints and may his memory be Eternal!
Fr. Peter Zarynow (class of '84)*

Fr. Peter Zarynow - June 30, 2016 at 10:34 AM

BV

“ *Michelle, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Barb V.*

Barbara Vallerio - June 30, 2016 at 10:27 AM



“ *2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE*



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - June 29, 2016 at 10:22 PM

CF

“ *A wonderful musician, band director, and colleague. Keeping you all in my prayers.*

Charlotte E Foy - June 29, 2016 at 05:43 PM

S'

“ *A truly wonderful man and teacher!*



Susan Smith Shipp Class of '74 - June 29, 2016 at 02:08 PM

LF

“ *My sincere condolences to the Solick family. Mr. Solick was a good friend of my father and our family. I remember the family coming to our home many years ago when the children were small. I enjoyed talking to both Mr. and Mrs. Solick a few months ago at my work. He was a very nice person and will be missed.*

May he rest in peace.

Lenora (Bogus) Francis

LENORA FRANCIS - June 29, 2016 at 01:22 PM

WB

“ Mr. Solick, the "Silver Fox", so sad to see this news. My favorite place to be during all of high school was in his band room. He taught me so much. My band days were my fondest school memories. He made me believe in myself and my abilities as a young musician, and I will be forever grateful.

Wendy Buono, Class of '74

Wendy Buono - June 29, 2016 at 12:57 PM

JO

“ In 1970 Mike agreed to work with a tenth grader who had never played a note with a group, teach him to read music and play an instrument, and a year later, integrate him into his band. One of the pieces we played included an a cappella arrangement of the Navy Hymn, which led him to love choral music. The tenth-grader was, of course, myself. It's not too strong a statement to say that he changed my life, and that all that I have been blessed to experience in the musical world I owe to Mike. I am eternally grateful to him, and pray for the safe repose of his soul, and for all his family and friends.

Joe O'Leary - June 29, 2016 at 05:10 AM

SS

“ Mike Solick was my mentor and the single greatest influence on my passion for music. In my few short years with him, he stoked a fire so hot that it still burns nearly a half-century later. Every note I ever play will have his name on it.

Scot Snyder, Class of '73

scot Snyder - June 29, 2016 at 12:43 AM



“ *Mr Solick not only made me a better musician, He made me a a better man. Many memories and life lessons learned from a truly remarkable individual. My heart is heavy and my prayers are strong.*

You will be missed by many

*Drew A Stephens
Class of 78*

Drew Stephens - June 28, 2016 at 09:43 PM

BB

“ *Mike taught me to play the sax in 1966 at the Junior High and Through 1969 at the Senior High. He always treated me like I was so important. We ended up being partners in the Liberty Golf League in 1990 - 91. What great times we had. He was a gifted musician bur he was a great man who always remembered he came from a humble background. RIP my Polish partner. Bobby Buttarro*

Bob Buttarro - June 28, 2016 at 07:04 PM

JT

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Joan and the family. We have many fond memories of times on the golf course with Mike. Good times up in the Poconos along with Bill and Marie and the two of you. He will be missed.*

Vic and Jean Tuscai

Jean Tuscai - June 28, 2016 at 03:41 PM

DF

“ Sincere condolences from The Dvorak Family



Dvorak Family - June 28, 2016 at 02:05 PM

AR

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Mr. Solick from the band at Phoenixville. He was so important to me and was always supportive of me. I know his musical abilities have come through is children and grand children!

My deepest sympathies to all who knew him. He will truly be missed!!

Amanda (Schwendler) Roman.

Amanda Schwendler Roman - June 28, 2016 at 12:00 PM



“ Jennifer Epps lit a candle in memory of Michael S. Solick



Jennifer Epps - June 28, 2016 at 08:06 AM



Mr. Solick was an amazing man - how I loved to listen to his stories and hear him laugh. Though I was not one of his band students, being involved in the chorus and musicals, I had the privilege of sharing in the gifts he gave to all of his students and people that came into his life. He will be greatly missed, but will live on in our lives always. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer Casselberry Epps, Class of '74

Jennifer Epps - June 28, 2016 at 08:08 AM

MM

hi Jennifer , I remember you.... I graduated with you in 1974 from Phx. High.. May Mr. Solick rest in peace. he played at times at Gallagher's bar in Spring City . Mary Ann McHugh

mary ann mchugh - June 28, 2016 at 09:42 PM

DB

“ *Diana (Cooper) Brignola lit a candle in memory of Michael S. Solick*



Diana (Cooper) Brignola - June 28, 2016 at 07:41 AM

MM

“ *Michele, Lynn, Pam and Mrs. Solick - Bill and I were very saddened to hear of Mr. Solick's passing. Our days in band were the best times we had in school. We admired his musical talents and dedication he had to our band. In later years we were privileged to know a fun spirited side of him. May the band play on as you march in the Church Triumphant.*

Bill, Mary Louise, Christina and Corrine Miller

Mary Louise Miller - June 28, 2016 at 07:37 AM

DM

“ It was truly an honor to have Mr. Michael Solick as a Teacher, Band Director, and Mentor throughout my PAHS years. He was passionate about music and his students and pushed us to strive for the best we could be. In November of my senior year ('81), I remember informing him that I would be auditioning for the USAF Band, he sat me down in his office and told me all about his time with the Navy Band when he was a young man. He reminded me to stay relaxed and focused throughout the audition. When I came back with the news I was accepted, he had a big smile on his face and proceeded to put me in a head-lock as he congratulated me. He was a father-figure to us Band students and we knew he loved and cared greatly for us.

To Michele (Solick) Sinnott, your Dad was an incredible man who touched so very many lives, I feel privileged to have known him and he is loved by all. His passing affects the entire community. My thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

Dave McArel - June 28, 2016 at 07:20 AM

MY

“ Wonderful memories of band and band trips we had with a good person and teacher. The fun we had at football games. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

PAHS class of 81

MaryEllen (Wisneski) Yiaski

MaryEllen Yiaski - June 28, 2016 at 07:11 AM



“ *Patty Quinn lit a candle in memory of Michael S. Solick*



Patty Quinn - June 28, 2016 at 06:08 AM

KK

“ *Thoughts and prayers go out to the Solick family.*

Kathy Knaub-Hardy - June 27, 2016 at 08:42 PM

LS

“ *Mr Solick taught me how to play flute as an 8 year old. He was a wonderful teacher who was passionate about music. He really helped me become a better musician and I am thankful for his teachings. Thank you so much Mr Solick. You will be missed very much.*

Linda (Minnich) Simovic - June 27, 2016 at 08:31 PM

DK

“ *So sorry for your loss. I grew up with the Solicks living in their neighborhood. Mr. Solick was a very kind and good man.... Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers, God Bless. Dawn (King) Klotz*

Dawn (King) Klotz - June 27, 2016 at 08:21 PM

KU

“ Prayers to the family to be at peace and that your happy memories ease your pain at this difficult time.

Love,
Karen Ulp



Karen Ulp - June 27, 2016 at 08:12 PM

ST

“ Stacey Taglieber lit a candle in memory of Michael S. Solick



Stacey Taglieber - June 27, 2016 at 07:57 PM

JD

“ Jim and michelle, please accept our condolences. He was a wonderful man.
God Grant you the ability to remember the good times

John digiacomo - June 27, 2016 at 07:07 PM

CD

“ Wonderful memories of band and two times (while I was in High School) PA State Champs! He worked us hard but he worked even harder. His band welcomed everyone...all of us who might have not had a "place" in High School but we had a place in band! We were not sophomores, juniors or seniors...and certainly not "jocks"...we were BAND!

I think he was convinced that the Class of '77 would never get to heaven! He might have been right!

He was a "larger than life person" who was such an influence on many lives and will be missed. Thoughts and condolences for his family!

Cathy (Wisneski) Doughty, PAHS Class of '77

Cathy Doughty - June 27, 2016 at 06:57 PM

KS

“ A special man who knew how to be a teacher in every aspect. I fondly remember him giving me lessons on the drums why I got to HS and making me a better person.

Keith Souder - June 27, 2016 at 06:00 PM

BB

“ I have wonderful memories of band with Mr Solick. My parents spent over 10 years as band parents going past when my sisters and I were in high school. The loved the experience and Mike Solick! My Dad (Ralph Van Horn) was telling stories about band trips until he passed away in April.


Mr. Solick was a great man and a big influence on my life.

Our condolences to the family

Barbara (Van Horn) Belgie

PAHS Class of 1977

Barbara Van Horn Belgie - June 27, 2016 at 05:34 PM


Christopher
Deery

“ Christopher Deery lit a candle in memory of
Michael S. Solick



Christopher Deery - June 27, 2016 at 05:13 PM

BM

“ I lived down the street from the Solicks, they are great people and a great family. I remember Mr Solick a very nice man. I also remember him driving his classic mustang back in the day. May god rest his soul and my condolences to his family.

brian marquette - June 27, 2016 at 05:06 PM

D'

“ I grew up down the street from the Solicks and I remember going trick-or-treating to their house at Halloween. He would always tell us that we had to perform a trick in order to get a treat! He was a nice man and a gifted musician. My sincere condolences to Mrs. Solick, Michele, Lynn, Pam, Michael and their families. May the peace of Christ comfort you during this difficult time.

Debbie (Parfitt) Rick - Class of '79 - June 27, 2016 at 04:59 PM

AB

“ Alexandra Herr Barnhart lit a candle in memory of Michael S. Solick



Alexandra Herr Barnhart - June 27, 2016 at 04:17 PM

DW

“ Although I was not in Band, I took several music electives in high school which Mr. Solick taught. He was an exceptional teacher and musician. It is because of him that I was able to breeze through four semesters of Music Theory and Aurals at West Chester State College. I credit my sight-singing ability to him. Phoenixville High School was lucky to have had such a dedicated teacher. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Solick family. Denise (Hand) Wisneski, PAHS Class of '73

Denise Wisneski - June 27, 2016 at 04:06 PM

KS

“ *Kim Rowe Saville lit a candle in memory of Michael S. Solick*



Kim Rowe Saville - June 27, 2016 at 04:02 PM

HN

“ *Mr. Solick was an inspiration to me. I remember going to Florida with the band and how much fun he really was. He will be sorely missed. Prayers and thoughts to his family.*



Heidi Nelligan - June 27, 2016 at 02:44 PM

DW

“ *What an impact he had on my life. I loved music - I was never a great musician - but loved being in band, and many hours in my youth were dedicated to marching band. So sorry for his loss.*

Debbie (Smith) Wade - June 27, 2016 at 02:24 PM

DS

“ *Dawnette Barnaik Sheplock lit a candle in memory of Michael S. Solick*



Dawnette Barnaik Sheplock - June 27, 2016 at 02:15 PM

DM

“ Thoughts and prayers for your family at this difficult time



Dottie McCampbell - June 27, 2016 at 01:57 PM

PB

“ How well I remember Mr. Solick from my high school days in Phoenixville. He was a dedicated teacher and a nice person. How fortunate we all were to have known him.

Peter Brown - June 27, 2016 at 01:56 PM

MF

“ Michele Fennell-Olimpo lit a candle in memory of Michael S. Solick



Michele Fennell-Olimpo - June 27, 2016 at 01:56 PM

TH

“ Nurtured my love of music making, and teaching; both became my lifelong career.
Blessings to Mr.Solick's family.

Todd Hunter - June 27, 2016 at 01:42 PM

SM

“ *Sharman Jacob's Mclean lit a candle in memory of Michael S. Solick*



Sharman Jacob's Mclean - June 27, 2016 at 01:38 PM

KH

“ *Krista Hughes lit a candle in memory of Michael S. Solick*



Krista Hughes - June 27, 2016 at 01:13 PM

IS

“ *Irena Struk lit a candle in memory of Michael S. Solick*



Irena Struk - June 27, 2016 at 01:03 PM

CH

“ *Wow - I am very sorry to hear this. Mr Solick attended my mother's funeral two months ago and played Amazing Grace at the graveside. Everyone sang along with him. Grace and Peace to you Mr. Solick. My prayers to the Solick Family.*

Chip Huston

Chip Huston - June 27, 2016 at 12:36 PM

AH

“ *My thoughts and prayers to all of the Solicks on the loss of this wonderful man, excellent teacher and amazing musician. He will be sorely missed.*

Amy Serhienko Hudak - June 27, 2016 at 11:44 AM


Edward
Burnett

“ *One of a kind...truly a great man... Phoenixville lost a legend....my deepest condolences to the family.*

Edward Burnett - June 27, 2016 at 11:38 AM


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Mark
Fink

“ *I worked for many years with Mike with the Dogwood parade. He made every year enjoyable. Thanks Mike for all the good memories.*

*Mark Fink
Former Dogwood Parade Chairman.*

Mark Fink - June 27, 2016 at 10:38 AM

KL

“ *Back in '68-'69 when I went to Phoenix High School, Mike took me under his wing and taught me how to read notations for playing the drum. He gave his time and I am still playing today. I am glad to have run into him and his wife at breakfast over at the Polish Club a little while back where we talked and laughed for an hour. RIP Mike, you will be missed.*

Kurt Ludwig - June 27, 2016 at 10:28 AM