



Col Maurice "Moss" Michael Savage Ret

October 10, 1939 - June 9, 2017

Albany-Colonel Maurice "Moss" Michael Savage (Ret) – Dearly loved Husband, Dad, Grandfather, Brother, Brother-in-law, Uncle, Godfather, Cousin and friend to all. Aged 77 years, passed away on Friday, June 9, 2017 after a long and courageous battle with dementia. Even in the height of his illness Maurice continued on the way in which he lived his life, always putting the needs of others above his own. Maurice was born on Strand Road in Tralee Co. Kerry Ireland on October 10, 1939. He was the son of the late Richard "Dick" Savage and Kathleen "Kitty" Foley Savage.

On June 10, 1967, Moss married the loved of his life, Sheila Kenny Savage of Millbrook, Oldcastle Co. Meath Ireland and together they spent 48 years cherishing one another until Sheila predeceased Maurice in November 2015. He is the adored Dad of Sheila Savage Maguire, Kevin Savage (Kim) and grandchildren Kathleen Maguire, Matthew, and Elizabeth "Ellie" Savage. Moss is also survived by his brothers Richard, Michael and Brian Savage, and the brother in law of Kathleen, Michele and Marcia. Maurice was also predeceased by his older sister Mary, who passed away in Ireland. Extended Savage, Lawlor, Spicer, Foley and Griffin Families, many nieces, nephews, first cousins and many cousins from the O'Sullivan family in Tralee Co. Kerry Ireland.

Moss was educated by the Christian Brothers in Ireland, until he came to the U.S.A. with his parents. He is a graduate of Our Lady of Angels and a proud member of the Christian Brothers Academy (CBA) Class of 1959, Albany, New York. Maurice frequently and fondly remembered his classmates and days at CBA and his respect for and friendship with the late Brother Aloysius Myers. Moss is a graduate of Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, NY (1962) and also holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the College of Saint Rose, Albany, NY (1974).

Maurice's family are extremely proud of his military service to his adopted country, enlisting in the U.S. Army on October 20, 1959, serving 33 years and achieving the rank of Colonel. Military Accommodations include the Meritorious Service with oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation with oak leaf cluster, Army Good Conduct Medal (x2), the National

Defense Medal, the Army Reserve Medal, the NYS Military Commendation Medal, The Long & Faithful Service Medal (x3), the Army Service Medal, the Overseas Service Medal (with Conspicuous Service), The NYS Aid to Civil Authority Medal, NG Res Achievement Medal, The Pathfinder Patch and the Cold War Victory Medal. Colonel Savage also had tours of duty in Laos and Panama and the Attica Prison riot of 1971. Maurice was a graduate of the Empire State Military Academy - Officer Candidate School (OCS), Camp Smith Peekskill, NY - August 13, 1965, the U.S. Army Signal School, Fort Gordon, Georgia - August 15, 1975 and The U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas - July 9, 1984.

In addition to his military career Moss' places of employment include Schaffer Brewery, Albany New York, Facility Supervisor for the NYS Department of Mental Hygiene - OD Heck Developmental Center, and he finished his career with over twenty years of service to New York State as an environmental analyst for the Division of Military and Naval Affairs - HHD STARC Headquarters, retiring in 2001.

Always the American patriot, Moss was also a steadfast and proud County Kerry man, supporting the love of his Irish culture and roots and passing that love down to his children and grandchildren. He was a great supporter of his Gaelic football club in Ireland - Kerins O'Rahillys and he was proud of his family's personal connection and friendship with Strand Road legend and patriot Charlie Kerins. Moss loved Irish music, a very fine singer, like his mother before him, Moss could often be heard singing his favourites, Fiddlers Green, The Fields of Athenry, The Town I Loved So Well and White, Orange and Green.

Known as a gentleman, there was never a time when Moss wouldn't jump in to lend a helping hand to others. Moss was a very talented self taught plumber, electrician, carpenter, painter and car mechanic and he used these talents in being quick to assist and never asked for anything in return. Mossy's hobbies included, Irish music, golf, scuba diving, BBQ's, darts, boating & waterskiing and traveling, especially home to Ireland.

Memberships and accomplishments: In 1959 Moss joined the Ancient Order of Hibernians Albany (AOH) Men's Division #5 and this chartered the course for Moss' years of tireless countless hours of volunteerism for the fraternal organizations that Moss held dear to his heart. Moss completed his Hibernian Major Degrees in 1976 with the Schenectady AOH Team. He is the Past President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Albany (1981 – 1986). In 1984, he chaired the National Hibernian Convention, bringing it to Albany for the very first time. In 1987, he was elected AOH Albany County President in 1989 he became the NYS Director of AOH District #1. Moss was the 1987 Hibernian of the Year and served as

President of the Hibernian Hall Association for many years until 2001. Then, in 2003 the AOH awarded him with the prestigious Lifetime Membership Medal. In 1960 Moss became an active member of the Albany, New York St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and he received the great honor of serving as the 1999 Grand Marshall of the Albany St. Patrick's Day Parade. Maurice also volunteered for the Albany Democratic Committee for many years. He is the Recipient of the 2005 Christian Brothers Academy Distinguished Alumni Award, Member of the North Albany American Legion Post #1610 and became the 1996 – 1997 #1610 Post Commander, Proud Member of the North Albany Limericks, Member of the Colonie Elks, Member of the Veteran's Corps, 69th Regiment, Member of the Polish Club, Member of the Pipe & Drum Band Cumann Failte, in 1968 they became the very first Pipe Band from America to march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Proud parent of CBA, proud Dad/Grandparent of The Academy of the Holy Names and proud Dad/Grandparent of the Michael Farrell School of Traditional Irish Step Dancing.

From Kerry to Colonel, a truly remarkable man with a long and a lustrous career of service to his God, Country, family and friends, he was so loved and admired.

Moss' children and family would like to extend their gratitude to St. Pius X R.C. Church, the St. Pius X Pastoral Care Team, The Eddy Hawthorne Ridge, The Carmelite Sisters and the Teresian House Staff for their loving care. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Christian Brothers Academy (CBA).

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Maurice's family Sunday, June 11, 2017 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services Monday, June 12, 2017 8:30 am from McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to St. Pius X Church, Loudonville at 9:30 am where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

Interment with Military Honors will be held at 12:00 pm in Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a message for the family, light a candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery

Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery

200 Duell Road
Schuylerville, NY,

Events

JUN 11 **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St, Albany, NY, US,
12206

JUN 12 **Service** 09:30AM

St. Pius X Church
23 Crumitie Road, Loudonville, NY,
US

Comments



“ I'm very sorry to learn of the Moss's passing. His parents and members of the Lawlor, Spicer families (and one other family who's name I can't remember) rented my parents camps on Burden Lake back in the 1950's. We kids spent many happy summers together and, although I haven't seen my old friends for many years, I think of them often and fondly. I pray Moss, and all the deceased members of our families, rest in peace. Bob Stackrow

Bob Stackrow - June 14, 2017 at 04:27 PM



“ Olive & Robert lit a candle in memory of Col Maurice "Moss" Michael Savage Ret



Olive & Robert - June 13, 2017 at 11:18 PM



“ Sending our heartfelt sympathy to the Savage Family. Remembering Moss fondly and the many trips to Albany with my mum, his wonderful & gentle soul will remain always in our hearts. May you find comfort knowing that he has found peace in the arms of his loving wife Sheila and our Lord. May he rest in peace. Sending our prayers from Arizona.

Olive & Robert Porter - June 13, 2017 at 11:11 PM



“ Moe, you were a great man and officer. May you rest in peace. I pray that your family finds comfort with the fact that you are with our heavenly father. -- with our deepest respects,



Pugliese - June 13, 2017 at 06:40 AM



“ I pray that many bright memories of love and joy would help ease your pain and loss of a great man.

Rob Zizolfo - June 12, 2017 at 11:11 AM



“ My deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. May God give you the comfort and peace that you seek and may the soul of your loved one rest in peace.
Carlos



Carlos Rodriguez - June 12, 2017 at 09:02 AM



“ Thinking of Moss brings back fond memories of my childhood spending it dancing at the AOH with Shelia. Dad (JohnCasserly) and Moss were fast friends. May they now enjoy each other's company with those they hold dear in heaven. Rest in Peace.
Fondly, Therese (Casserly) Saello

therese saello - June 11, 2017 at 08:50 AM



“ Fond memories of all the happy times spent on holidays with Moss and our departed Sister Sheila R.I.P.

We were all together in Kilkenny when we heard the sad news of Moss passing. Reminiscing of all the wonderful times we spent with Moss and our late Sister Sheila on our many visits to Albany over the years.

Your loving Brothers-in-law Ollie, Seamus, Tony, Sister-in-law Angela, extended family and friends,
Rest in Peace Moss.

Oliver Kenny - June 11, 2017 at 03:35 AM



“ No kinder man ever walked on this earth; my heart is broken. The love and life that he shared with my family will be always treasured. He blessed each of my daughters when we brought them home to McCartney Drive. Always there through thick and thin. An officer and a gentleman. Love you forever. Sure you and Sheila are having a grand reunion. xoxoxoxo

kimberly dolan - June 10, 2017 at 09:45 PM



“ Maurice Foley was added to the Family Tree.

michael savage - June 10, 2017 at 10:16 AM



“ Mary Hogan was added to the Family Tree.

michael savage - June 10, 2017 at 10:14 AM



“ Kathleen Foley was added to the Family Tree.

michael savage - June 10, 2017 at 10:09 AM



“ Michael Savage was added to the Family Tree.

michael savage - June 10, 2017 at 10:07 AM



“ Mary Obrien was added to the Family Tree.

michael savage - June 10, 2017 at 10:05 AM



“ Richard P Savage was added to the Family Tree.

michael savage - June 10, 2017 at 09:59 AM



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Michael Savage - June 10, 2017 at 09:50 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Col Maurice "Moss" Michael Savage Ret.



June 09, 2017 at 09:09 PM



“ My Family and I are deeply saddened by this sweet kind mans passing. You will be missed Mos. All the Rodda family wishes your family our deepest sympathy. You were a great friend to my father and I. Wonderful memories which we will cherish forever. You are finally reunited with you lovely wife and also with my Dad. I am happy for the Peace you now enjoy. Until we meet again

Chuck Rodda - June 09, 2017 at 02:59 PM



“ Dear Mike, Sheila. Kevin & family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Moe and I shared an office together for years and worked closely together. I have some great memories, our long road trips, his stories of Ireland, his St. Patty's day gatherings, did I mention scones! Funny stories of taking care of his kid brother, pranks performed on fellow comrades and his great love of life. His kindness was second to none. I loved his laughter and his love for his family. I am grateful that he not only touched my life, but those he came in contact with. He is a great soul and he will be sorely missed. He was always my lucky charm. God Bless you Moe!
Sincerely,
Heidi Unwin

Heidi Unwin - June 09, 2017 at 01:41 PM



“ Mike, Sheila and family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you on this passing of Moss. He was a great person which was exemplified in the many things he was to his family, the New York National Guard, and the community. He was true to his family and friends. He was a strong leader who always took care of his people. He supported his community and committed his time to improve it. I'm fortunate to have known him and learn from his experiences. God bless.

Sincerely,
Jim Freehart

Jim Freehart - June 09, 2017 at 01:58 PM



“ I love who we were Moss, thanks for your kindness,

denis burke - June 09, 2017 at 06:13 PM



“ Dear Sheila and family, Mossy and Sheila were two of the first friends I made when I moved to America. They were very good to me and Mike and I will always treasure our fond memories of them. RIP Mossy. Yvonne and Mike Mahar

Yvonne Mahar - June 09, 2017 at 06:49 PM



“ To the whole Savage family go wishes for comfort and deep joy that comes from being a family that knows how to give to one another and to those you meet who need your kind of love. From the Reillys and the old days on Grove.

Pat O'Hara Reilly - June 09, 2017 at 07:37 PM



“ Met him in Kerins O'Rahillys some years ago and Still have family' relatives here

Tony O'Connor - June 10, 2017 at 05:51 AM



“ Mike and Savage Family

My deepest condolences on the passing of COL Maurice "Moss" Savage. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Dave Martinez

David Martinez - June 10, 2017 at 12:55 PM



“ To all the Savage Family. Condolences at the loss of Moss. Recall the good times. Take comfort in the thought that Moss and Sheila are once again reunited for all eternity.

Joe and Margaret Sullivan and family

Joseph P Sullivan - June 11, 2017 at 07:22 PM



“ Moss was a wonderful cousin, full of love laughter, kindness, helpfulness and thoughtfulness! I will miss him deeply. However, I know he is in a better place now reunited with Sheila. Take care cuz! Lots of love, Maureen Foley

Maureen - June 11, 2017 at 07:51 PM