

Michael Parente, CMSgt USAF (Ret), Age 87

November 3, 1937 ~ May 30, 2025

Mike was a loving father and a devoted husband to the love of his life for 63 years. He was also Dottie's caregiver for the last eight years of her life. His Catholic Faith was central to his life. He was a Eucharistic Minister and usher at St. Mary's for many years. He was a member of Knights of Columbus Council #6192 and was manager of the Knights Hall for many years. He was Knight of the Year in 2014. Mike donated to many meaningful causes that touched his heart and the hearts of those he loved throughout his life



Mike dedicated 33 years of honorable service to his country, serving in the United States Air Force in assignments across the globe with distinction. He quickly rose through the enlisted ranks to Chief Master Sergeant—the highest enlisted rank in the Air Force—his last assignment was the command chief master sergeant 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing Offutt Air Base Wing, Nebraska. As the commander's principal advisor, he gave guidance and helped lead organization personnel across many locations. He ensures commander's intent is understood and executed, while having responsibility for the readiness, morale and welfare, training, personal and professional development for active-duty, civilians, family members and retirees. Mike earned countless commendations along the way in recognition of his excellence and dedicated service to his country. He retired from active duty in 1990. Mike received many honors and awards such as: 55th Wing Wingman selected by then Commander of the 55th Wing Brigadier General Donald Bacon in June 2011.

He was the Grand Marshall of the Veteran's Day Parade in 2013. Mike was an ROTC teacher at Bellevue East from 1990 – 2000, and was a bowling coach for many years. He was the Air Force Sergeants Association International President for three years.

Preceded in death by wife Etsu "Dottie" Parente; parents John and Mary Parente; brothers Dr. John Jerry-Anthony Parente and Thomas Parente.

Survived by daughter Mary Jane Babin (Richard); Karen Parente (David); sisters Jennie Dorn (Dick); nephew Kevin Dorn; faithful companion Dagr.

Mike's love of family and friends, quest for excellence, desire to make things better, and his commitment and dedication to help others made a lasting impact on so many lives. We were so blessed to have received his love and devotion, and we are forever grateful for the life he shared with us.

