



Michael Picozzi Jr.

April 17, 1937 - February 25, 2026

Michael Picozzi, Jr., 88, of Naples, Florida, went home to the Lord, peacefully on Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

Born on April 17, 1937, in Brooklyn, New York, Michael was the son of the late Michael and Genevieve (née Martin) Picozzi, Sr. Predeceased by his loving sister Mary Ann, and brother-in-law, Joseph. He spent his early years in Brooklyn before relocating to Naples 24 years ago, where he made his home and played his favorite activity, tennis, and formed many cherished friendships.

After attending college, Michael proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957. Following his military service, he returned to New York and began a distinguished career as a court reporter for the State of New York. Through dedication and professionalism, he advanced to serve as a federal court reporter, a role in which he earned the respect and admiration of colleagues and members of the judiciary alike.

Michael is survived by his loving wife, Kathryn Ward-Picozzi, his two loving daughters, Laura Picozzi, and Janice Spiezio, son-in-law, Kim, and son, Michael Picozzi, III. He is also survived by six grandchildren, including Julia Ravenna and Nicholas Spiezio. one great-grandchild and Michael's stepchildren, Nicole Cuccinello, husband, Robert, Michael Ward, Andrea

Ward. Step-grandchildren, Carmine Cuccinello and Anthony Cuccinello, and Madison Ward.

Michael will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 4th at 2 pm at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 28300 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs, FL.

Additional services at a later date with military honors will be held at Sarasota National Cemetery in Sarasota, Florida.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL 34241

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
28300 Beaumont Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Tribute Wall

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“ It is with a heavy heart that I remember you Mr. P. A man who wasn't my father by blood, yet became something just as important in my life. You watched us grow up - through heartbreaks, celebrations, bad decisions, and big dreams - and you were always there in the background, offering wisdom (even when the truth was uncomfortable). In many ways, you shaped the woman I am today.

Some of my favorite memories of Mr. P were of him opening up his home at the Jersey Shore to host our annual “Girls Weekend”. He treated a group of loud, chaotic girls like we were his own. Laughing over stories we'd told a hundred times before, and raising glasses of pina coladas, while he shook his head at our antics but smiled anyway. Those were the moments when you could feel how much he cared.

We will miss his voice, his laugh, and even those very strong opinions. LuLu's “Forever Friends” have made a generous donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memory of Mr. P. We will remember him the way he would want: telling stories, laughing a little too loud, and raising a glass of pina coladas in his honor.

With much love, Donna Hartmann Flynn

Donna Flynn - March 05 at 09:48 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Michael Picozzi Jr., give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom.
You will not be forgotten...
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Army Veteran, Michael Picozzi Jr., is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - March 05 at 04:21 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Picozzi Jr..*



March 04 at 10:52 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Picozzi Jr..*

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