

## Mr. Mark J. Strick Sr.

May 17, 1933 - October 2, 2016

Mark J. Strick, Sr., age 83, of Springfield, MO passed away on October 02, 2016, at the Quail Creek Nursing Home. Visitation will be on October 8, 2016, from 9:00 - 9:45 AM at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO, (417) 476-2626, with a Funeral Mass to follow at St Mary's Catholic Church in Pierce City, MO at 10:00 AM. Burial services, including full Military Honors, will immediately follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Pierce City, MO.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, PO Box 89367, Tampa, FL 33689, email, [warrior@specialops.org](mailto:warrior@specialops.org), 1-813-805-9400, St. Mary's Catholic Church, or St. Mary's School.

Mark was born in Richey, Mo, the son of Bernard and Jane (Ferguson) Strick. He graduated from Pierce City High School and entered the Missouri National Guard in 1949, and transferred to the US Army in 1955, serving as a Parachute Rigger, Infantryman, Golden Knight Parachute Team member and Special Forces soldier for over 30 years, retiring as a Sergeant Major in 1985. His overseas assignments and deployments included Germany, Dominican Republic, Vietnam, Thailand, while his US assignments included Ft. Bragg, NC, and the Univ. of Alabama, as a ROTC instructor.

After retiring from the Army, he began his second career as a commercial pilot

working for Britt Airlines, Terre Haute, IN, McAbee Construction, Tuscaloosa, AL and Bob Wehr Enterprises, Springfield, MO, and managed a flying business as Strick Flying Services until 2015.

He was united in marriage to Rose M. Dacy in 1952, and she survives.

Mark was remembered for his love of the Army, Special Forces, military and competitive skydiving with over 4,000 parachute jumps, and flying several aircraft for work and his personal Cessna 182.

Those left to honor his memory include his wife, Rose; his brother Paul (Pearl); sister, Jean Richardson; his sons, Mark, Jr. (Cindy), Don (Becky), Tom, deceased, and daughter, Michelle Berry (Dirk); with nine grandchildren, Eric, Travis, Anthony, Lauren, Julie, Laura, Dirk Jr, Madeline, and Kyle and five great-grandchildren, Noah, Chloe, Anthony Jr., Braxton, and Bella.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Pierce City, MO 65723

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 8. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

Lakin Funeral Home  
501 N Elm St.  
Pierce City, MO 65723  
(417) 476-2626  
lakinfuneral@suddenlink.net

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Mark J. Strick Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ *Rose, our sympathy to you and family.*

*I was impressed after reading an article a few years ago in the Pierce City Paper dedicated to Mark's Military Career and his accomplishments. It began with him joining the (MOARNG) as a youngster. Later, enlisted in the Army, soon afterwards joining the Paratroopers, initially keeping it a secret from his dad, (chuckle) Without a doubt, many of the townsfolk read the story. Based upon the story, Mark knew what he wanted and eagerly pursued it, never looking back!*

*The article made me proud to have known the soldier behind the story. In a visit to his home several months ago while in Springfield I had the opportunity to tell him, he was my idol. Further, that I had told his story many times of a Pierce City Boy's success to include being a distinguished member of the "Golden Knights" !*

*He was a true Ambassador throughout the World for the U.S.A. and to think it all began with a Young Man from Pierce City, MO*

*A "Salute" to a "True Soldier" dedicated to his country! Thanks for your service Mark!*

*Mike Nolan*

Mike Nolan - October 07, 2016 at 02:23 PM

JK

“ My best story of Uncle Mark is one that he told himself. Apparently there was a woman that jumped from his plane and was tangled up in her parachute. His telling is the best part, and I quote "There she was, a female girl, fat, dumb and happy falling to her death..." The lady managed to right herself and was fine in the end. I smile to myself every time I think of this story.

Other words he chose based on his background in the service always tickled me. His reference to dinner as 'chow' was always endearing.

Mark Strick you were one of those bigger than life men. You will be missed and remembered for a long, long time. Your niece, Jeanne

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**Jeanne Kimber** - October 05, 2016 at 09:24 AM

MV

“ As a child, I can remember my dad, Charles Heeter, telling me of his friend, Mark Strick. They were lifetime friends and I knew him for many years. He was a good man!

We have lost a good man, and i say "Hooah" Sergeant Major!

Respectfully

Michael Velten-Heeter

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**Michael Velten-Heeter** - October 05, 2016 at 02:32 AM

BM

“ Heartfelt love and prayers for Rose and family. Mark will always be SGM Strick as the epitome of a professional soldier to me. Thankful to have been at the right time and place to have known him. Our nation has lost a giant of a man.

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**Bob Grubbs MD** - October 04, 2016 at 08:10 PM

 Carrie  
Cooper

“ *Mark was looking forward to flying here this fall after his last treatment. We have known each other for 53 years and we served together in Vietnam and were on the Golden Knights. Mark was like a brother. My heart goes out to Rose and the family. Mark will be missed.*

*Condolences,  
Retired MSG Joe W. Phillips*

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**Carrie Cooper** - October 04, 2016 at 04:36 PM

RY

“ *Blue skies Mark. You were one of my heroes on Charlie Harris' Gold Team in '69. Now Ray Garin and I are the last of that bunch. Very sad, but I have been always been grateful for the Golden Knight's experience. I learned a whole bunch from you real soldiers. Fair winds my friend...always...God speed..  
Rick Young USAPT '69-70*

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**Rick Young** - October 04, 2016 at 12:18 PM

BW

“ *The Special Forces and Airborne communities have lost a great man with the death of Mark Strick. His accomplishments to these groups are quite memorable and worthy. On behalf of the Golden Knights Alumni Association, I offer condolences to his family on the loss of him. He will be sorely missed by the entire Golden Knights Alumni Association!*

*Respectfully,  
Bruce Wicks  
Colonel (Ret), SF  
President  
Golden Knights Alumni Association*

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**Bruce Wicks** - October 04, 2016 at 11:14 AM

KK

“ Dear Strick Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers to all of Marks dear family and friends. I pray that God gives you strength and comfort durning this difficult time. Mark was a great man and a blessing to so many. Blessings to you all and we are truly sorry for your loss.  
Love Always,  
The Kohler Family  
Brandon, Kelly and Connor

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Kelly M. Kohler - October 04, 2016 at 10:26 AM

KK

“ Prayers to The Strick Family. I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Mark was a wonderful man and a blessing to many! I pray for all of Marks family and friends ~ May God give you all strength while you are going through this difficult time. I am so sorry for your loss. ✘  
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Love Always, The Kohler Family  
Brandon, Kelly and Connor

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Kelly M. Kohler - October 04, 2016 at 10:15 AM

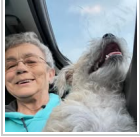
CJ

“ Sorry to hear this--praying for all the family



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Carroll & Betty Jarvis - October 04, 2016 at 09:35 AM



“ *May God bless you at this time.* ”



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**Dorothy Blinzler** - October 04, 2016 at 05:26 AM



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Torrealba

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**George Torrealba** - October 03, 2016 at 07:22 PM



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Torrealba

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**George Torrealba** - October 03, 2016 at 07:18 PM



George  
Torrealba

“ Served with Mark on the US army Parachute Team, The Golden Knights during his 2d tour 68-69 , while on the HALO Committee and while he managed the Green Beret Sport Parachute Club. He was a person you knew was a professional soldier and would rise to the highest enlisted rank in the Army. After retirement we got together when he would come to Ft Bragg while attending the Rigger reunions, Special Forces Reunions and Golden Knight Alumni Association Reunions. We also met at a restaurant for lunch in Springfield, MO while Lucie and I were vacationing. He was a friend and I will miss him. God Speed, Mark.

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**George Torrealba** - October 03, 2016 at 07:16 PM