

Mike Pollack, OFS



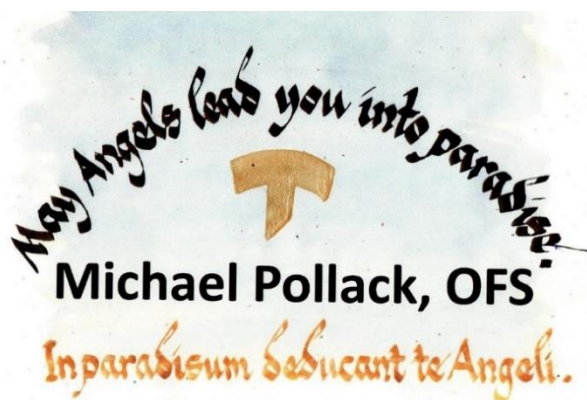
Mike was so full of peace before he passed away. Noticing this, a visitor commented to his wonderful wife, Marilyn, about how calm and content Mike seemed - and said it must be because he was so close to heaven.

*Marilyn said that was exactly how Mike felt. A few days prior, Marilyn found Mike sitting in his bed, with his prayer book, just joyous. She asked incredulously if he was sad inside **somewhere** knowing death was so near. Without hesitation and with joy, Mike said **'No, I'm going to see my Lord.'***

Michael James Pollack Jr. passed away peacefully at his home in Oceanside on January 29, 2016, surrounded by loving family. Out of his deep faith in God and his love for the Catholic Church, Mike was also a professed Third Order Franciscan. Mike was a humble man of great integrity. It was unusual for him to encounter someone he didn't like. He was well-loved and he loved us well. He will be terribly missed by his wife, Marilyn; daughter, Melanie; son, Michael; his sister, Rose Marie (Frank); many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends, too numerous to count.

He was born in Plainfield, NJ, and grew up in Green Brook Township with his parents, Michael James Pollack Sr., & Agnes Delores (Schmidt) Pollack, and his younger sister, Rose Marie. After graduating from Dunellen High School, he attended the University of Pennsylvania where he graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and was a member of the Penn track team. His career began at Pratt & Whitney in Connecticut during which time he attended UCONN and earned his MBA. His career path took him to GE in Cincinnati and Albuquerque. He worked for Martin Marietta at Vandenberg AFB, and Gould Inc. in Oxnard and El Monte before ending up at TRW in Redondo Beach, where he facilitated the sale/transition to what is today Experian. He retired from Experian as Vice-President, Finance in June, 2000. His retirement brought him to Oceanside where he fell in love with Old Mission San Luis Rey. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors, he used both his engineering and finance backgrounds to coordinate the fundraising and upgrading of the 200+ year Old Mission Church to meet current earthquake standards. As a volunteer for AARP, he worked many years preparing tax returns for seniors and low income families.

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