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Michael Charles Bider Jr., 87, a resident of Lawrence, Massachusetts, passed away on Sunday, April 1, 2012 at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA. He was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts on June 1, 1924, and was the son of Sarah Bistany Bider and Michael Charles Bider who both migrated from Lebanon in the early 1900's. Michael grew up on Valley Street and through his childhood, worked alongside his father at the family grocery store. After attending grammar school and Lawrence High School, Michael was enrolled at the Boston Conservatory of Music where he studied composition. Michael then went on to receive his certification from Mass Radio and enlist in the United States Navy in 1942. He served our country as a radio man aboard the E V Johnson, a destroyer escort traveling throughout the Mediterranean. After being wounded in the course of duty, Michael promised that if he was lucky enough to return home to Lawrence, he would never leave again. Michael eventually made it back home - and he kept his word. He met the love of his life, Vincenza Tagliaferro Bider, whom he married in 1950. They moved to Tower Hill where they raised their sons, Michael C. Bider III and David A. Bider. Michael's professional career as a supervisor at the Internal Revenue Service in Andover, Massachusetts spanned thirty years, but his passion was his family. Michael adored his wife and sons and lived with a zest for life that is rare. He was a storyteller and entertainer, who could keep any audience delighted and engaged. After retirement in 1979, Michael devoted his time to perfecting his sales pitch at his sons' stores, enjoying every moment he could with Vinnie (whom he called his "guardian angel") enthusiastically tending to their beautiful home and garden, and endlessly amusing his three loving grandchildren, Emily, Anne, and Katherine Bider. Michael was a devout lifetime member of Saint Joseph's Melkite Church where he served on numerous committees and associations. Michael is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Vincenza, son Michael and his wife Joanne of



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Essex, MA, son David and his wife Sylvia of Andover, MA, grandchildren, Emily, Anne and Katherine, cousin, Thomas Bistany of Methuen, MA and many other family members and friends. Michael was predeceased by his brother James (Jimmy) Bider. One of Michael's favorite quotes from the philosopher Kahlil Gibran's, *The Prophet* was "For what is it to die, but to stand naked in the wind and to melt in to the sun And what is it to cease breathing, but to free the breath from its restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek god unencumbered . . . when the Earth has claimed our limbs, then we shall truly dance." A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. in St. Joseph Melkite Catholic Church, 241 Hampshire St., Lawrence, MA. Burial will follow in the Bellevue Cemetery also in Lawrence, MA. Family and friends may call on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence, MA. To send an online condolence or for more information, please go to www.breenfuneralhome.com.



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CB

Cheryl Bider posted:

I am very sad to hear of the passing of my uncle Mike, You are now with your brother jimmy, sister Jane Mary, your mother and father. May god rest your wonderful soul. You will be missed

March 7 at 8:00 PM

SH

Sally Huss posted:

Dear Michael, John and I, as well as everyone at the Stock Exchange , were so sorry to hear of your father's passing. I remember meeting him and your mother once at your shop and being throughly charmed by him. Sally Huss

March 7 at 8:00 PM

DA

Debbie Pierro Amoroso posted:

Dear Dave, Mrs. Bider and Family, I am so sorry about the passing of your wonderful father and husband. It was always a pleasure to see him and listen to his funny comments and stories. He made me happy which is a very rare quality in this world. I was unable to attend his wake as I am recovery from knee surgery. Sending prayers and sympathy. Debbie Pierro Amoros

March 7 at 8:00 PM

GK

George & Barbara Kfoury posted:

We are so sorry to read about the passing of Michael Bider. May he rest in peace. Mike and I worked at the IRS for many years. He will be missed by all who knew him. Sincerely, George and Barbara Kfoury

March 7 at 8:00 PM

CN

Carl Nordblom posted:

My thoughts to Michael and his family ---losing a parent is difficult and hard to grasp---Mr Bider had such vitality and personality and I was always impressed with his upbeat mode and energy--I would go to Michaels shop and would expect him to jump forward and greet me and I was never disappointed and always happy to see him----I am sure his energy will carry into the next life

March 7 at 8:00 PM



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RV

Robert J Virtue posted:

I have passed a mountain peak and my soul is soaring in the firmament of complete and unbound freedom; I am far, far away, my companions, and the clouds are hiding the hills from my eyes. The valleys are becoming flooded with an ocean of silence, and the hands of oblivion are engulfing the roads and the houses; The prairies and fields are disappearing behind a white specter that looks like the spring cloud, yellow as the candlelight and red as the twilight. The songs of the waves and the hums of the streams are scattered, and the voices of the throngs reduced to silence; And I can hear naught but the music of eternity in exact harmony with the spirit's desires. I am cloaked in full whiteness; I am in comfort; I am in peace. Kahlil Gibran

March 7 at 8:00 PM

SC

Sean Casey posted:

David, Michael and family, Please accept my condolences on the loss of your father. I remember him from the antique and music stores and he was always a pleasant and engaging man. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family and especially your mother at this time.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

DR

Diane & Dick Reming posted:

Uncle Mike, We will miss You were always the life of the party. Many happy days & many happy memories. Life is built on memories. We will never forget. Thanks for the memories. Love, Diane & Dick

March 7 at 8:00 PM

MP

Margaret Pike posted:

Mike was a wonderful, caring man who loved his family endlessly! I had the great opportunity to work with him and witness his super sales techniques and his over the top good manners...he made the sales! Mike was always there for his sons in every way and was humble. The way he and Vinnie looked at each other melted your heart. I always think of them sharing a sandwich and drink in a quiet corner. I am so honored to have known a family that truly loved and respected each other and laughed. My thoughts, sympathy and hugs to all the Biders. I wish I could be there...

March 7 at 8:00 PM



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DR

Diane Reming posted:

Michael & David, Uncle Mike was a gift. My memories of him put a smile on my face. He was always the life of the party on our holidays. You boys made him so proud & Auntie Vinnie the love of his life was the soul of his life. We were blessed to have known him. Love Diane & Dick.

March 7 at 8:00 PM

MH

Mrs Gilles (Elaine) Hebert posted:

David and family, Sorry to hear of your loss. Your father was a lovely person, and great to talk with at the store. Sympathy to your mother and Family. Sincerely Elaine Hebert

March 7 at 8:00 PM

WB

Wayne Belair posted:

A wonderful gentleman. One of the finest men I have ever met. I can truly say that I am better for having met him. The few times I met him, he always left me with a smile. A wonderful life that lasted for 87 years. You can celebrate his life and know that he has passed his love on to all of you. May he rest in peace and may you find peace and comfort in his love for you.

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FJ

Fr. Joe posted:

Dear Vinnie, Michael, and David -- Michael was wonderful, wonderful man who, as the obit said, loved his family with all his heart. He also truly LOVED God with all his heart and loved being in church and chanting His praises! I am away, covering a parish in Indiana for Holy Week and Pascha and cannot be with you. But I will remember Michael during the Memorial of the Institution of the Eucharist -- which he so loved and was devoted to -- on Thursday morning and again at Pascha. Nshullah tislam! May his memory be eternal!

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GD

George Deglaoui posted:

My deepest sympathy for your loss, Rest in peace

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BW

Bette Wolf posted:

My deepest condolences to Michael and his entire family on the loss of their father..I will always remember him when I would go to the "the shop" in Lawrence on S.Union St. and he would greet me with a big smile and say,"Hello Mrs. Wolf. How are you today? " .. We would chat and have a good time .Always with a big smile on his face. He will surely be missed by all who knew him.
Bette Wolf

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MT

Mary Anne Tagliaferro posted:

Our deepest condolences to the entire family. LOVE from Margaret, Mary Anne and Moriah. I will always remember Uncle Mike singing and playing his guitar, "Heart & Soul." - mary anne

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael Charles by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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