



The developers, builders and city engineers experienced many challenges along the way, including working weekends, and at one point, around-the-clock construction to make deadlines.

But 1½ years after the first family moved in, Randy Chenier, senior vice president of construction at Global Premier Development, Inc., met the parents of the fallen soldier whose name now is also the name of the street that intersects Main where the housing development is located.

"We were honored with the name," said Chenier, a Vietnam vet who said he chose the name "Mihalakis" out of a couple of names, for 18-year-old Specialist Michael G. Mihalakis, who died in Baghdad.

Parents George and Diana Mihalakis, who lived in Milpitas for three decades while they raised three kids, were aware their daughter had submitted the name to the City Council.

The grand opening was the first time they were inside the building.

The street naming, said George Mihalakis, turned a tragedy into something positive.