



Michael X. Fryer

November 17, 1940 - January 22, 2011

Michael X. Fryer, 70, of West Hartford, husband of the late Pauline Rivard Fryer, died peacefully Saturday January 22, 2011 at his daughter's home surrounded by his family. Born in Hartford on November 17, 1940, a son of the late Katherine Ducey Fryer and William Fryer, Michael lived an accomplished life in West Hartford. He graduated from Conard High School in 1958 and worked for the John Hayes Real Estate company. In September 1966, he was hired by the Kingswood School eventually the Kingswood Oxford School to be the head of the Buildings and Grounds Department. In this capacity, Michael masterfully served as a steward and guardian for the next 44 years, until retirement in July, 2010. With an expertise in construction, Michael successfully supervised the renovation or construction of every building currently on the school grounds. He helped facilitate the merger of the Kingswood School and the Oxford School in 1969 as well as the consolidation of the middle and upper school facilities in 2003. Michael was respected by trustees, employees, parents and students because of his unwavering loyalty to every facet of the school. He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Michele Fryer Theriault and Greg Theriault; his sons Stephen and Christopher Fryer; son Paul Fryer and daughter-in-law Ann Paler Fryer; a sister and brother in law, Karen Fryer Pingarron and Robert Pingarron; his nephew Matthew Pingarron and his wife Barbara with their two sons David and Bryan; a nephew Geoffrey Pingarron. Besides his wife, Michael was predeceased by his brother, Timothy Fryer. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on

Friday, January 28, 2011 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. A reception will follow in Alumni Hall at the Kingswood Oxford School, 170 Kingswood Rd. in West Hartford, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made, in his name, to the Kingswood Oxford School, 170 Kingswood Rd., West Hartford, CT 06119. 860 233-9631.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Fryer family,
I was saddened to hear about Mr. Fryer's death. He was a great man, and I respected him and admired him very much. He was a good father and role model. My condolences for Steve, Paul, Michele and Chris..
-- Michael Callan###imported-begin###Michael Callan###imported-end##

March 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Fryer Family
I was saddened to hear of your loss. My dad KO '58 passed me news of Mike's death and his obituary. He was certainly a fixture and most respected gentleman within the KO community. My sincere condolences.
Peter Connolly KO Class of 1984###imported-begin###peter connolly###imported-end##

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“ I had the good fortune of getting too know Mike as a vendor for Kingswood. He was a great guy with his own unique style. I always enjoyed meeting with him and hearing his stories. Mike especially enjoyed telling me about traveling & cruising with Pauline. My condolences and prayers go out to the Fryer family###imported-begin###Jeffrey Renert###imported-end##

January 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To The Fryer Family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mike. I had the pleasure of working with him for 13 years at KO in the Business Office. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May Mike "Rest in Peace."##imported-begin##Barbara Shivick##imported-end##

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