

Michael Klahr



Michael Klahr, 72, of Cumru Twp., died October 20, 2016, in the Reading Hospital.

He was the husband of Lorraine B.

(Miller) Klahr, whom he married December 3, 1966. Born in Reading, he was a son of the late Stanley H. and Sara E. (Stover) Klahr.

He was a graduate of Governor Mifflin HS in 1962 and

Albright College in 1966.

An incredibly gifted athlete, Mike was a standout 4-sport athlete at Governor Mifflin High School (football, basketball, baseball and track) and at Albright College, he played basketball and baseball. Mike played minor league baseball in the Chicago Cubs organization as a switch hitting-shortstop.

During Mike's high school career at Governor Mifflin, he was the county's leading scorer in basketball and 1st Team All-County. He was also selected by basketball officials as the runner-up as the county's top senior player behind Dick Gaul.

Mike was inducted into the Albright College Sports Hall of Fame in 1993 for his outstanding play in basketball and baseball. His basketball accomplishments included 1,405 career points, Most Outstanding Player in 1964-65, two year all MAC player and conference MVP; in baseball he was the Northern Division MVP in 1966, a two time all MAC player and the Northern Division MVP in 1966. He was inducted into the PA Sports Hall of Fame, Berks County Chapter in 1992 and the Reading Berks Basketball Association Hall of Fame in 2015. Mike was an honorable mention Small College Basketball All-American.

As a junior and senior at Albright College, Mike was selected as the team's MVP, team's leading scorer, and

selected to 1st Team All-Conference (M.A.C.). He was also selected to a NCAA playoff All-Tournament Team and was selected to a 15-man All-State Team that consisted of both university and college division players. Mike was also selected to play on Albright's All-County Team and won honorable mention Converse All-American Team. He led Albright to its only back-to-back M.A.C. Championships, which hasn't been repeated since the 1965-66 season.

Because of Mike's outstanding play against Drexel

University, in both the M.A.C. Championships and the NCAA Regional Playoff Tournament, he was selected by Drexel to be their "most outstanding male athlete opponent of the year" and was presented with this title at their end-of-year sports banquet.

Mike held various positions throughout his professional career. Initially he was a Social Studies teacher at Reading High School; later, he was a Realtor and Real Estate Broker for many years. He also served as the manager of Penn Title and Berks Title Insurance Companies. Mike held many positions in sales, but most recently he worked for Tecta American Roofing (formerly Wolfe Roofing and Sheet Metal).

Mike was a talented golfer, who won many local tournaments, and had 5 holes-in-one. He especially loved playing with his sons.

Music was a treasured pastime, with some favorite vocalists such as Frank Sinatra, Patsy Cline, Vince Gill, Ronnie Milsap and any barbershop.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his four children: Christopher M. (Maribeth), Cumru Twp; Timothy D. (Daphne), Shillington; Daniel M., Cumru Twp.; and Thomas G. (Sheri), Cumru Twp. There are two siblings, Stephen C. (Judy), Cumru Twp., and Connie E. (Gary) Pleam, Mohnton.

Seven grandchildren: Jacob, Casey, Dylan, Mason, Joshua, Jaden and Emma, also survive him.

He was predeceased by his older brother, Phil.

A visitation will be held Thursday, October 27, 2016, from 6 to 7 p.m. with a service to begin at 7 p.m. at Albright College Chapel, 13th and Union Streets, Reading, PA 19604. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Reading Berks Basketball Association at P.O. Box 391, Shillington PA, 19607.

Edward J. Kuhn Funeral Home, Inc., West Reading, is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be recorded at www.kuhnfuneralhome.com.

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