

Michael Steinberg

Died: October 9, 1997

Mike died at age 57 of cancer at his home in Swampscott, Massachusetts, on Thursday morning, October 9, 1997.

Born and raised in Lawrence, Massachusetts, he went to Lawrence High School, where he was on the staff of the yearbook. At Dartmouth, he majored in economics and was a member of Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity. During his first two years at the college he was a member of the Jewish Life Council, and in his last two years was on the staff of WDCR.

He was also a Rufus Choate Scholar, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and graduated magna cum laude.

After Dartmouth, he went to Harvard Law School where he graduated magna cum laude and was a member of the Harvard Law Review.

An obituary in the Salem Evening News of October 10, 1997 reports that Mike joined the Boston law firm of Goodwin, Proctor & Hoar in 1965 and specialized in business and tax planning, emphasizing real estate matters. For a number of years he headed the firm's tax department. He left in 1984 to become a principal with the firm of Aldrich, Eastman & Waltch, where until 1992 he advised in the area of real estate investment.

Mike was active with the Jewish Federation of the North Shore (in Massachusetts), especially in respect to its program of charitable giving to the area Jewish Community. He was a recipient locally of the Anti-Defamation League's Honoree of the Year Award.

In his 1986 Reflection for our 25th Reunion, Mike somewhat tongue in cheek divided his observations about his life into two categories: what had changed since 1961 and what hadn't.

Included among things that hadn't changed in the past 25 years, he wrote, were: "deriving pleasure" from finding creative solutions to problems; "challenging assumptions and shibboleths;" "doing my best to be ethical at all times;" being "better at talking than listening;" loving and being loyal to Dartmouth; and continuing to be unable to get good seats to Dartmouth games.

Things that have changed since 1961, he commented, included: marrying his wife Josene, raising two children, and spoiling one dog; becoming "rounder, balder, more forgetful and slightly more mellow;" growing "less concerned about what people think of me;" despairing "about the quality of our political leaders and the gullibility of the electorate;" coming to "appreciate the opportunity Dartmouth gave me to mature, to develop independence and to start learning how to think;" being "proud of my heritage;" and not being able to sleep until noon on weekends or look forward to "road trips."

Mike had a son, Adam, who attended Dartmouth, and a daughter Sara Jane.