

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE **MICHAEL KELLY**



Mike Kelly hailed from Good Shepherd Parish in the Inwood section of Manhattan. He graduated from Power Memorial Academy in 1955, with the Mathematics Medal in one hand and a scholarship to Manhattan College in the other. Mike has always said that when he got to Manhattan, the Math and Science education he received at Power put him far ahead of students from other schools.

While at Manhattan, he was elected to ETA KAPPA NU, a chapter of the National Engineering Honor Society. Mike graduated from Manhattan with a Bachelors Degree in Electrical Engineering and followed that up with a Masters Degree in Modern Physics from Adelphi University.

Mike worked for the Sperry Gyroscope Corporation on Long Island, in the Village of Lake Success and eventually moved to IBM in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. His last position was as a New Products Project Manager, getting new business established in Ireland. Mike continues to live in Poughkeepsie to this day.

Mike married his high school sweetheart, Mary Jane Ekins, in 1959. This marriage, lasting 52 years until Mary Jane's untimely passing in 2011, resulted in their having 5 children, 4 sons-Michael, Thomas, Kevin and Glen and a daughter, Nancy, who predeceased her parents. Along with daughters-in-law Louise, Tricia and Pam, there are 10 grandchildren in the Kelly family: Michael, Shannon, Meg, Katherine, Liz, Matthew, Erin, Caroline, McKenna and Jack.

As a result of his involvement with parish and community, Mike Kelly can proudly boast of any number of titles and positions: President of the Dutchess County International Science Fair, Grand Knight of the Wappingers K of C Council, Faithful Navigator of the Wappingers K of C Assembly, Grand Marshal of the Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day Parade, President of St. Mary's Parish Council, Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary's Church and President of the AOH Dutchess County Chapter.

He is a member of the Franciscan Development Committee, a member of the Greystone Programs Board to help autistic adults and was the recipient of the 80th Anniversary Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School Award for contributions to Catholic Grammar School Education. And if that isn't enough, he is also the Vice President of the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association

Mike has always had a lifelong love and appreciation of Power Memorial Academy. He explains it this way: "During my freshman year, my father passed away and I felt very much alone. The Brothers I knew were there for me, nothing direct, but I felt safe and secure in their presence. I went there as a boy and graduated as a man".