



S. Michael Groomer

November 4, 1942 - June 9, 2012

S. Michael Groomer, 69, of Bloomington, IN, and also of Springfield, MO, passed away at his Bloomington home on June 9, 2012. Mike was born November 4, 1942, in New Albany, IN, to Ellen (Drabing) and Walter Earl Groomer, who preceded him in death. Surviving immediate family members include his wife Carolyn, whom he married October 15, 1966, daughter Emily O'Brien and husband Mark O'Brien, and sister Ann Dixon and husband Martin Dixon.

Mike earned his undergraduate degree in business from the University of Evansville and his masters and doctoral degrees in Accountancy from the University of Missouri at Columbia. He was a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA). He worked for various companies throughout his teaching career, including Marathon Oil, Ernst & Ernst, and Toche Ross & Co. He also served as a consultant for KPMG Peat Marwick (Montvale).

Mike had a dedication, enthusiasm, and passion for teaching. He first started his career at the University of Evansville for four years prior to receiving his Ph.D. In 1974, Mike joined the accounting faculty at Indiana University-Bloomington. While on staff Mike taught Introductory

Accounting (serving as the Course Coordinator), intermediate financial accounting, accounting information systems, and auditing at the undergraduate and graduate levels. In 1990, Mike designed what is the current-day undergraduate business honors program and developed and taught the Undergraduate Business Honors Seminar. He was also one of five faculty members who designed the current-day Accounting Graduate Program. In his free time, he drummed in jazz and big bands and earned a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido.

After retiring from IU in 2008, Mike took an endowed professorship as the Robert & Charlotte Bitter Distinguished Professor of Business at Missouri State University (MSU) in Springfield. Mike with fellow former IU professor Les Heitger designed, developed, and taught a new graduate program in forensic accounting at MSU. He was currently teaching at MSU until illness intervened.

Mike's research appeared in numerous leading accounting journals, including *The Journal of Information Systems*, *Decision Sciences*, and *The Accounting Review*. He co-authored the groundbreaking article that started the movement toward "continuous auditing" that is currently a major issue in business. In addition, he was the co-author of the first electronic business book titled, *Accounting Information Systems: A Database Approach*. Throughout his teaching career, Mike was recognized for teaching excellence at the national, state, and local levels. Most notable of all, he was beloved by his students, who say he was always encouraging, kind, and extremely dedicated to his field. Colleagues, students, friends, and loved ones appreciated his

strong work ethic and commitment to excellence.

Friends may call at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 S. Old State Rd. 37, Bloomington, from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mike Groomer Scholarship Fund at Missouri State University.

Tribute Wall

ST

“ *To Mikes Family-*

I was lucky enough to have Mike as my Accounting professor in 1977-78, he then bestowed on my the honor of being his student recommendation for tenure and adding a comment to his retirement celebration book. I am a better person today because of his teaching, consul and friendship. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Steve Farber
IU class of 1980
Fan of Joe's Hardware on the square*

Steve Farber - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

ST

“ *Carolyn & Emily,*

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband and father. Having lost my dad a little over a year ago, I can relate to your feelings at this time and hope that you can find some comfort in knowing that his spirit will always be around you.

*Sincerely,
Steve*

Steve Fawbush - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

EM

“ I was lucky enough to have Professor Groomer for two semesters while I studied Accounting at IU. His humor, spunky personality and love for teaching were evident in every class he taught. I will never forget how proud I was to tell him about my high score on the Auditing section of the CPA (as this is the class he taught me during my last semester at IU which was also his last semester at IU). We kept in contact after graduation and I always felt so lucky to have someone to turn to for career advice or just to check in and say hi. He is a big part of who I am today and he will be greatly missed.

Emily Schwoerer - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

TK

“ May the peace of Jesus Christ surround you during this time. Continuing to pray for you all.

Tony & Keyly Watts - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

NC

“ Carolyn, I am so sorry to hear about Mike's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers!

Nancy Cox Cowden - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

JH

“ Mike always had a smile on his face and an optimistic attitude. His enthusiasm was infectious. He was a great colleague. We will miss him.

John and Barbara Hassell - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

SC

“ *Master Mike Groomer will be greatly missed by myself and his fellow martial artists at Lee's Martial Arts. My condolences to his family and friends. Upon his retirement, we always looked forward to his return each summer to workout with us and help teach. He was very supportive of the school and always willing to help.*

Scot Curry - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

JE

“ *I'm sorry for your loss, as well as ours, here at Missouri State University. As Executive Assistant for the MBA Program, I wasn't closely associated with Dr. Groomer, but have heard many students express their appreciation for the quality of teaching received in Dr. Groomer's classes. Every time I would see him in the hallway or on campus, he seemed to always have a smile. He will be missed!*

Praying for your family through this difficult time, that God will give you comfort, peace, and a close relationship with Him.

Jean Ann Percy

Jean Percy - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

ZM

“ To Mrs Groomer and Family:

I had the good fortune of being Mr. Groomer's student in the year 2003. He was a very kind hearted person and an excellent teacher. I always made it a point to meet him during his office hours as I enjoyed talking to him about various topics that were not related to accounting. He had a great sense of humor and I have fond memories of studying under him. Please accept my condolence and i pray that his soul rests in peace.

*Sincerely,
Zaheer Muscatwalla*

Zaheer Muscatwalla - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

GA

“ Carolyn & Emily

You are in my thoughts and prayers. My deepest sympathy to you all.

Love Gail

Gail Farrar - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

MI

“ *Emily, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. I know how much he meant to you. I am so glad he had the opportunity to walk you down the aisle and see you get married. I will keep you & your family in my prayers.*

Michelle Trowell - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

AW

“ Our sincere sympathies and prayers for you in this time of your grief.

Ann & Wayne Ferguson

Ann & Wayne Ferguson - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

DW

“ Oh my God. I always thought that I would see Mike again. What a good, decent man. I enjoyed so working with him on our teaching projects. With his passing, I am reminded of time setting in. I miss him dearly, and the world is a bit lonlier place for us.

Dwight Worker - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

LI

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mike was truly a professional here at MSU, and always gave his best in his classroom. I have planted in my yard the gorgeous Hydrangea plant that he had delivered last month to Crystal and I, and I hope that it will grow to be large with bountiful blooms, so I will always remember Mike when I see its beauty. We will miss him so much!

*Sincerely,
Linda Sartorius
Academic Administrative Assistant
MSU School of Accountancy*

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