



Charles Mykleby

October 9, 2011

Mykleby, Charles "Chuck" age 71, of Shorewood, passed away Monday 03 October 2011 of complications resulting from mesothelioma. Chuck was a deeply compassionate, loyal, and loving man who was the greatest husband, father, grandfather, and friend that anyone could possibly hope for, and he will be missed tremendously by all who knew him. Chuck was born near Dalton, MN on the original Mykleby family farm on 08 March 1940 and then moved to the Twin Cities in 1951. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve at age 17 in 1957 and graduated from St. Louis Park High School in 1958, where he met his high school sweetheart and life-long love Nancy (Jensen), whom he married on 17 October 1959. From 1959 to 1963, Chuck served in the U.S. Navy Reserve as an Aviation Machinist's Mate (ADR rate) while attending the University of Minnesota General College and St. Cloud State University, graduating in the winter of 1963 with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education. He went on active duty in the U.S. Navy at Naval Air Station Twin Cities, serving from 1963-1966 as an aircraft mechanic working on AD-5 Skyraider and A-4B Skyhawk attack aircraft, and he also earned his Naval Aircrewman wings as a Flight Engineer on P-2 Neptune maritime patrol aircraft. Chuck left the U.S. Navy in 1966 and embarked upon his exemplary 32-year career as an educator, administrator, athletic coach, and preeminent leader in the Hopkins School District, proudly serving until he retired as the principal of Eisenhower Elementary School in 1998. During these years, Chuck also earned an M.S. degree in Curriculum and Education in 1969, and an M.S.

degree in Education and Administration in 1976. Chuck was fiercely dedicated to his vocation as an educator and countless students and teachers can point to his exemplary professional conduct, relentless dedication, wise mentoring, and unwavering loyalty and friendship as having been positive influences in their lives. All are better for having known him. Chuck was preceded in death by his father, Adren Mykleby; father-in-law, Nick Jensen; mother-in-law, Gladys Jensen; and nephew, Steven Hart. He is survived by Nancy, his devoted and loving wife of 52 years, of Shorewood; son, Colonel Scott Mykleby U.S. Marine Corps (Retired), his wife Janice (McKenna) and their children, Paul and Keaghan of Chesapeake, VA; daughter, Lisa Stockstad, her husband Jim and their children, Tyler and Anna of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA; son, Colonel Mark Mykleby U.S. Marine Corps (Retired), his wife, Lisa (Jenney) and their son, Keaton of Beaufort, SC; mother, Mabel Mykleby of Fergus Falls; sister, Gail Hart and Chief Gould of Minnetonka; and nephew, Brian Hart, his wife Chiri and their children of Rosemount. All are welcome to join the burial procession to Fort Snelling National Cemetery on Tuesday 11 October 2011, departing at 9:00 AM from All Saints Lutheran Church, 15915 Excelsior Boulevard, Minnetonka, MN 55345, phone, (952) 934-3550. Burial with full military honors at Fort Snelling National Cemetery at 10:15 AM at Assembly Area #4. Memorial service at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday 11 October 2011 at All Saints Lutheran Church, with visitation and lunch following the memorial service in the church fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the ICA (Intercongregational Communities Association) Food Shelf, 12990 St. Davids Road, Minnetonka, MN 55305; 952-938-0729, M-F 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Washburn-McReavy Strobeck Johnson Chapel 952 938-9020

Tribute Wall

JG

“ I attended Tanglen elementary in the late 60s and Mr. Mykleby was my home room teacher. For those of you who do not know, Tanglen is the shape of a doughnut. On the first day of school, I asked Mr. Mykleby, "How do we remember what classroom we are in?" He responded "it's as easy as 123" "...thank you Mr. Mykleby" My condolences to his family, friends, and students.

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Joel Gadbois,

Saint Paul, Minnesota

Contact Me

Joel Gadbois - August 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HH

“*Mr. Mykleby was my 6th grade teacher at Westview Elementary School in the Hopkins School District, quite early in his teaching career. I remember he was tough and could easily handle all the troublemakers, but was such a marshmallow on the inside :-)* I remember his smirk and his love of teaching. I liked that school year and have always looked back on it as one of my favorites. I see my classmate, Dalia (now "Dali"), also signed this guestbook. God bless the memory of dear Mr. Mykleby.

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Heidi (Leaf) Haagenson,

Willmar, Minnesota

Heidi (Leaf) Haagenson - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I just learned of Chuck's passing, and I am sorry for your loss. Chuck and I met at the Minnetonka Rotary Club. He worked hard to make our golf tournament fundraisers a success, but his true passion was his family. He always spoke of Nancy and his children with admiration for their service and accomplishments. (Nancy, you were very kind in not mentioning what a slow knitter I am when we were making scarves to send to soldiers.) My sincerest condolences.

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Cindy Moy,

Golden Valley, Minnesota

Contact Me

Cindy Moy - November 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ *How Chuck changed my son's world: It was 1989 on the Friday before Labor Day holiday. School was starting the following Tuesday. I decided to withdraw my son, Paul, from his private school and take a chance on Eisenhower. I walked in without an appointment, sat down at Chuck's desk and told him, "I know this is short notice, but I have a child with disabilities from a brain tumor and I would like him to start next Tuesday. Can you help me?" Without flinching, he took out a pad and paper and said, "tell me what you need." He placed him with the most appropriate teachers, attended to everything possible to make Paul's 6 years in that school a winning experience for teachers, family, students, and most of all Paul. Chuck never made us feel we were asking for too much. He led with his heart in every way.*

~

Andrea Adelman,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Me

Andrea Adelman - October 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LR

“*Chuck remains forever in our hearts as well as in our lives. My children, Kelsey and Camden, both spent their lives within the loving and caring faculty and staff that Chuck assembled for the students at Eisenhower. I worked on parent committees for the entire time my children were with him. In my 39 years as an educator, I know that he remains one of best. I feel a painful loss, but I know he was a gift to all who knew him.*

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Linda Reed,

Hopkins, Minnesota

Linda Reed - October 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am sorry we cannot attend the memorial service for Chuck on Tuesday. Conway has some health problems that we need to address at this time. Chuck was a wonderful friend and an innovative administrator. He was a factor in Hopkins becoming an excellent school system. He always looked for new methods and ideas that would benefit the students. It was a joy to teach with him at the helm. Prayers are with you and your family, Nancy, at this difficult time. Rhea Thompson Becker, Mn

October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My heart is saddened that Chuck has passed. What a great guy! He was a wonderful principal at Alice Smith, especially helpful during my first years of teaching! And, I'll never forget how you invited us over for our first Minnesota holiday dinner...first lutefisk EVER. Love to you all. Dawn

~

Dawn Hansen (Graves),

Deephaven, Minnesota

Dawn Hansen (Graves) - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Nancy and Family, Chuck was the principal at Eisenhower when our oldest of 4 children started elementary school. He retired when that same son graduated from 6th grade. He was always in the hall greeting the children and parents. He knew me by name and made me feel my volunteer time was appreciated. Our sons cub scout pack met in the Ike cafeteria. One meeting your son came to speak to the pack about his rescue mission in the Bosnian war. It was quite clear to all how proud Chuck was of his son. I have such admiration and gratitude for the leadership Chuck brought to Eisenhower. He was a remarkable man and will truly be missed. Jeanne and Tom Greene

October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family of Chuck Mykleby, my daughter contacted me from Chicago and sent the message of Mr. Mykleby's death to her brother in Israel and we were all saddened to hear the news. Mr. Mykeby was our principal at Eisenhower from the opening of the school to their leaving elementary behind. He was such a positive role model to both of them. He exemplifies what a dedicated and positive educator should be. We know he left his students better for their knowing him. Sincerely, Nancy Scholder (mother of Jeffrey and Lauren Scholder)

October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IK

“ Dearest Nancy and family. We are so sorry to see that Chuck is gone, and our thoughts have been and still are with you. We had just two days together, two years ago, but we felt we had known you much longer, and we learned to know you and love you so much. The time we had together was valuable to us, and we hoped for a miracle, but in vain. We have printed out a photo, taken on the place where Chuck's ancestors lived, and burned a candle every day. We will also burn a candle on Tuesday, and will be with you in our thoughts. I do hope we will keep contact, Nancy! Best regards from my husband and me. Inger in Norway

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Inger Kristoffersen,

Hamar, Norway

Inger Kristoffersen - October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RK

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Roar and Inger Kristoffersen,

Hamar, Norway

Roar and Inger Kristoffersen - October 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow and grief over the loss of your husband, father and brother. May GOD bless you. I will miss you Great Uncle Chuck.*

~

Morgan Hart,

Chaska, Minnesota

Morgan Hart - October 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Mr. Mykleby was my 6th grade teacher at Westview Elementary in the Hopkins School District. Based on reading his impressive bio, this must have been his first experience teaching...and we were a handful. I remember he liked the Peanuts character Charlie Brown (his round face and military crew cut did resemble Charlie a bit) and he liked to say, "You're a good man, Charlie Brown." I know I wasn't the only kid who clipped daily strips from my parents' morning Mpls Tribune so I could share them with him. Yes, there were the push-ups for the boys, but my memories all these 46 years later are of happy times. I never saw Mr. Mykleby after "graduating" elementary school and moving on to junior high, but my younger siblings all knew him, too. I'm sure we'd all agree: the world lost a good man, Charlie Brown, and I wish peace and blessings to his family. ~~Dali Wiederhoft, formerly of Westwood Road, Minnetonka

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Dali Wiederhoft,

Reno, Nevada

Dali Wiederhoft - October 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ I'm sorry to hear of your loss; Chuck was a great guy. When my son was in Chuck's school, he came running to the car one Friday afternoon to tell me that he'd "gotten into trouble" at school that day (not something he'd ever done before), I asked him what he had done. He told me that he and another boy had been whistling in the hall on the way back from the restroom. I asked him what his consequence had been, & he said that they'd been sent to Mr. Mykleby's office where, once he heard of their "crime," he'd made them whistle for five minutes, a perfect "let the punishment fit the crime" method of atonement. That's why Chuck was such an excellent administrator. Coincidentally, that evening Kurt and I were at a Wayzata football game (I think at Osseo), and we went up to the top row at halftime to say hello to the Blanchards. Imagine Kurt's reaction when he saw Mr. Mykleby sitting there as well; when I asked if he'd like to whistle the school song, he declined.)

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Sue Jewell,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

Contact Me

Sue Jewell - October 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Nancy and family, I am so sorry and deeply saddened at the passing of Chuck, my sincere sympathy to you and the family, we have lots of memories from the old neighborhood, of Chuck and the guys playing catch in the street and our evening visits on the front porches of our homes, with the Duerrs, Tabors, Bill and Elaine. We lost Don 2 years ago tragically, and forever feel the loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your children in this great time of sorrow. Chuck was a fun and great man. Sincerely, Diane Flies

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Diane Flies,

Delano, Minnesota

Diane Flies - October 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ I am thinking about your family during this difficult time. Chuck was an amazing man, with an amazing spirit. I know that he is looking down on you all and smiling....Nicole (Gail Hart's neice)

~

Nicole Carnell,

Clayton, North Carolina

Contact Me

Nicole Carnell - October 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Thinking of the family during this difficult time. Prayers for peace and loving memories to calm your sorrow. Melissa, Kayley & Arran Rolf-Watt* Lakeville

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Melissa Rolf-Watt,

Lakeville, Minnesota

Contact Me

Melissa Rolf-Watt - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Not many people stand in your memory as vivid and as long as Chuck Mykleby. He was always so involved with all of us students. He taught all of us the fundamentals of respect, honor, knowledge, and even a little humor. I will always remember him dressing up as superman for all of us gathered in the gymnasium, and pitching against the 6th graders on the last day of school in the softball game. Truly you can't find enough words and stories to honor a man who loved his job and students so much. All I can say is, "Thank you, Mr. Mykleby"

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Bret Burnikel,

Hopkins, Minnesota

Bret Burnikel - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Nancy, Scott, & Lisa. I am sorry for your loss what a great man a young boy growing up across the street I remember him asking me to throw a baseball to him. and he was amazed. I was only ten at the time but every chance he had he would want to play catch with me. He also got a great kick out of the neighbor boys playing "Army" we had all the equipment to play "In The woods" Again Mykleby's I am deeply sorrowed as I have too had my father pass 2yrs ago you have all my prayers & thoughts in my heart. yes I admired him and respected this great man.... Sincerely,
Donald E. Flies Jr.

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Donald Flies,

Wayzata, Minnesota

Donald Flies - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for the loss of your'e loved one. I too lost my father a year and a half ago to the same illness. My heart aches for all of you. May the precious memories of him carry you through this time of sorrow.

October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mykleby family. I was one of Chuck's students at Tanglen. Chuck was an instrumental person in my life, providing confidence, self-awareness and personal pride. He was fair, kind and a fantastic teacher. He will be missed but never forgotten as his teachings that he passed on to me are now being passed on to my kids. WHAT A MAN! Godspeed Mr. Mykleby, forever your student - Richie Buendorf & Family

[Contact Me](#)

October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *My sister and I were students at Alice Smith Elementary in the early eighties. We have such fond memories of Mr. Mykleby. He was a man of outstanding character and compassion. There is no doubt in my mind that he touched many lives with is passion and sincerity. My thoughts and prayers go to his loved ones and my gratitude for having known this amazing man.*

~

Jessica Molitor, Pietraszewski,

Centerville, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jessica Molitor, Pietraszewski - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Mr. Mykleby will be missed. He was the only principal I remember. As noted in a previous entry, Mr. Mykleby loved his job and it showed each and every day in the halls of Alice Smith!*

~

Tiffany Grant,

Minnesota

Tiffany Grant - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I was a student at Alice Smith. Mr. Mykleby was an awesome principal, I have such fond memories of him and now that I am a parent of two kids District #270, I admire him so much more as I do not believe I have ever met a principal yet that even comes close to the legacy that he has left in SO many children. My mother, Helen Hansen, was a lunch lady at several schools and is also very fond of Mr. Mykleby. My heart goes out to his family in this time of loss.

~

Cathi Hansen,

Hopkins, Minnesota

Contact Me

Cathi Hansen - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NI

“ Dear Nancy, Scott, Lisa, Mark and Family, It was our privilege to provide care for your beloved husband and father. We share in your grief and send you our love. Your Friends at Little Hospice

~

NC Little Memorial Hospice Inc,

www.littlehospice.org, Minnesota

NC Little Memorial Hospice Inc - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with Chuck at Hopkins for over 20 years. His dedication to education and love for the kids was always obvious! His trips with us for the evaluations center always brought the realities of what teachers deal with to the front. He will be missed by all who knew him. Don Sension

October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Mr. Mykleby was the principal at Eisenhower Elementary for myself and my two elder sisters. I don't believe that there was an educator that loved his job or his students more. He knew every child's name in the school and always had a jellybean ready for any student who came into his office. He was an excellent educator who had a tremendous impact on my life as well as my sisters. We do not think of Eisenhower without thinking of him. The world was a much better place because he was in it. He will be greatly missed, my sincerest condolences to his family during this time.*

~

Sara Fogelberg,

Orono, Minnesota

Sara Fogelberg - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Chuck Mykleby was perfectly suited for his role as a principal and educator. When our daughter attended Alice Smith, he was on the sidewalk each day welcoming them to school as they exited the buses and again in the afternoon at the end of the school day. The students would run to him in the halls yelling "Mr. Mykleby" in a joyful voice to share something with him. You could tell he loved every minute of it! Our daughter is now 35 years old and "Mr. Mykelby" is still as fresh in her and own minds as when she was attending Alice Smith Elementary School. What a WONDERFUL man he was and we will surely miss him too, but we have such warm memories of those years. :Mourn not for long that he is gone, but rejoice forever that he was!" Weren't we ALL lucky for that! Tom & Lynn Sweningson and Kim Sweningson Aspelund.

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Tom & Lynn Sweningson,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

Tom & Lynn Sweningson - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ I am the proud father of 3 exceptional daughters who began their educations at Eisenhower Elementary. The fact that they are each exceptional today is due in large part to the efforts of Chuck and the team of teachers that he provided enlightened leadership to. Chuck enriched the lives of countless thousands of Eisenhower Elementary students - and their parents. We are all deeply indebted to him for the caring, compassion, creativity, discipline and dedication that he brought to us all. Chuck was a gifted and enlightened leader whose memory will be cherished by many. Our condolences to his wonderful and supportive family. Paul, Melissa, Emily, Julia & Sara Fogelberg

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Paul Fogelberg,

Orono, Minnesota

Contact Me

Paul Fogelberg - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Chuck was such a positive person. We were so happy when Chuck and Nancy came to visit us on Aland. We will cherish that memory Helen and Per-Olof Eker*

October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I was a student at Alice Smith from kindergarten to 6th grade in the 80s and Mr. Mykleby was my principal. Mr. Mykleby allowed me to attend Alice Smith through open enrollment. He supported me through many challenges. His educational philosophy created an amazing learning environment which allowed me to excel. I loved learning at Alice Smith! My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

~

D Christianson,

Lakeville, Minnesota

D Christianson - October 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Scott, I'm so sorry to hear that Chuck passed away. I find myself remembering many of the fun times we had together with him and how he always knew why the fish weren't hitting. "must be the air pressure" :) When the Oldsmobile wouldn't start he was always there with a wrench in his hand offering to help and it was usually because I was out of gas. The road trips up north and the time haninging around with him when he stopped over to visit us were good times for sure. I'm glad for the memories, he'll be missed.

~

Kevin Melchert,

Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota

Kevin Melchert - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ I was a student at Alice Smith and remember Mr. Mykleby was "a positive influence in my life". He will be missed. Dr. Tim Ewest

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Tim Ewest,

Wavelry, Iowa

Tim Ewest - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ He always had a jellybean for us!Cassie Lane Zonnefeld

October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *What an amazing educator. I was one of his students from Alice Smith and when he moved to Eisenhower, so did I. He wore cowboy boots everyday and if you got in trouble, you knew that you would be doing push-ups in the hallway. What a huge loss of a great man. He will be missed greatly.*

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Kim (Sweningson) Aspelund,

Otsego, Minnesota

Kim (Sweningson) Aspelund - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ I attended Alice Smith when Mr. Mykleby was the principal....he would give you such a hard "you are in trouble" look then smile!! He really was a fun principal. I think of him every time I go to Alice Smith with fond memories. My thoughts go out to his family.

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Stacey (Sydness) Tupper,

Hopkins, Minnesota

Stacey (Sydness) Tupper - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ I was a student at Alice Smith and remember what a nice guy he was. He always knew all of us kids by name. It isn't often that you have such fond memories of your elementary principal all these years later. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this very difficult time.

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Tiffany Tevlin,

Oakdale, Minnesota

Tiffany Tevlin - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ *I was a student at Alice Smith in the early 80's. So sorry about the news. He will be greatly missed.*

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Heather Rende,

Crystal, Minnesota

Heather Rende - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Mr. Mykleby was an amazing Principal. He was my favorite, I would walk by him in the halls and he would always call me by name, even though I was never in his office. Thoughts and prayers go out to his family. We lost a true hero!*

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Kristina (Olsen) Mohlin,

Minnesota

Kristina (Olsen) Mohlin - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ i am sorry to hear of the passing of mr. mykleby, he was a large presence in my educational life. he was a great guy who always knew your name, even years after graduation, which is proof of his love & passion for his career as an educator.

~

michael klaphake,

international falls, Minnesota

Contact Me

michael klaphake - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *He was my elementary principal at Alice Smith.he was always cheerful and always had a warm smile. you will be greatly missed*

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Krissy Mrozik- Rieland,

Minnesota

Krissy Mrozik- Rieland - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ *Mr. Mykleby was my Principal at Alice Smith. When he went to Eisenhower I wanted to go with him. He was an amazing man and those of us that were "left" at AS were envious. His passion for education, patience and sense of humor is something that has always stayed with me. He was by far the best educator I've had the pleasure of having. Warm wishes go out to his family, may he watch down on you from the Heavens.*

~

Nella Jensen,

Orono, Minnesota

Nella Jensen - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Our family is saddened to learn of the loss of Mr. Mykleby. He was extraordinary as a principal and human being, and had faith in his decisions. Our son Paul Adelman had many difficulties due to brain cancer and Chuck opened many doors for him that made school Paul's favorite place to be. Mr. Mykleby took so many chances to "do the right thing" and we are forever grateful to him.

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Andrea Adelman,

Hopkins, Minnesota

Contact Me

Andrea Adelman - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ How sad that Mr. Mykleby is gone. I was a student at Tanglen Elementary for one year when he was the principal, (1970-71?)and he was known by all to be very demanding, involved, exceedingly fair, and most of all, omniscient-he always seemed to know what everyone was up to (good and bad) and he cared about it. I have thought of him often over the years as someone who made a difference to me in my life, and I am sure I am not alone in that regard. My condolences. I know he will be missed.

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Jeff Ansel,

Edina, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jeff Ansel - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Scott, sorry to see the passing of your father. Hope all else is well with you. Donny Chillstrom, Long Lake*

October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM