

## Remembering Mike Minor

In 1993, during the Symposium held in Rome, I invited Father Kim Dreisbach to the elegant, historic Dining Room of the Columbus Hotel.

He told me he would bring another guest who would like to meet me. He came with Mike Minor. At the time, I knew very little about my new guest. The days of STURP were over by the time I came to Shroud research. I had no reference points about Mike. But during the lunch, sitting under the ceiling frescos of a renaissance master, I realized that I was conversing with a very bright man. Little did I suspect that there, at the table of the Columbus, a long, exquisite, fruitful friendship started that, hopefully, will go even beyond the grave.

The longer I knew Mike the more my respect and admiration grew. He had an unbelievable intellectual capacity. He was able to understand the newest and most difficult discoveries, the deepest arguments of today's theology, and the most demanding trends of today's monumental arts. The organizational problems of, not only the small Shroud groups, but the world wide deep tensions naturally developing in the midst of dedicated people who have to answer questions beyond human power.

Mike was a superbly blessed man with the ability to solve serious problems. We could always depend on that. He solved these problems with a firm and truthful attitude, never showing weakness, even when at times he had to sacrifice his own popularity or the cheers of people. But, whatever action he chose, in its depth there always was love, care, and above all the well chosen interest of the Shroud. He never cared about his own interest, and he always refused praise for himself.

He had a deep and faithful love for his friends. He helped them to achieve their goal, as long as that goal was from God and served God. You never were alone while Mike befriended you. Now his little spiritual family feels alone. We cling to each other and there is our strength and from that strength we have to go on. We now have a another friend in heaven, one who will still keep on helping us to achieve all we set out to achieve together.

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