

MICHAEL GEORGE BAKER, 1924–2015

Michael was born on 2 November 1925, the son of Olive Groves and George Baker, both well-known musicians and opera singers in their day and from whom Michael inherited his love for and appreciation of music. Schooled in King's School, Canterbury, he then joined the army and was commissioned in the latter part of the war. Following his demobilisation he took articles to become a solicitor and worked for the British Railways Board for 30 years, retiring in 1984 from the position of Chief Solicitor and Legal Advisor.



Michael and Peggy were married in 1952 and moved to Deddington in 1995 to be closer to their daughter, Debbie, and her family, and to continue enjoying Michael's retirement which he had fallen into with great ease. Many hours were enjoyed with Art at the Holly Tree Club along with the late John Cheney, Norman Stone and Bill Dickinson, and with golf at Tadmarton Heath Golf Club.

Michael touched all who met him and will be sadly missed. He was a good friend to many in the village and also to many further afield and will be remembered by them as a man of great dignity and kindness with a tremendous sense of humour. Peggy will remember him as a loving and devoted husband of 62 years, his children as a wonderful and cherished father, his grandchildren as a hands-on grandfather with tireless energy and much love, and his great granddaughter as the bestest 'GG' one could wish for.

Debbie Spengler