



## Michael F. Tamer, Jr.

January 25, 1931 - April 13, 2011

80, of Indianapolis, passed away peacefully at home on April 13, 2011, after bouts with ill health. He was preceded in death by his parents Michael F and Marie Tamer; son, Mark; and sister, Rosemarie. After graduating from Indiana University in 1954, Mike pursued a business career in one of his father's enterprises before being inducted into the Army. He was stationed in Germany and took the opportunity to travel Europe extensively, where his dream of opening a restaurant back in Indianapolis took hold. Shortly after returning home, with much imagination, creativity, and appreciation of good food, and lots of hard work, he opened Mike's Steak Haus. This became a premier restaurant in the city, with hand-cut, premium meats, German food, and other specialties. Mike's Steak Haus was a regular stop for many celebrities visiting Indianapolis. Mike subsequently became the Innkeeper of The Round Table, an English-themed restaurant. He was an ardent lover of history and had great imagination. The decor in each restaurant was created and overseen by Mike himself to make sure every detail reflected what Mike had seen and loved. Mike embraced Italy when he and some partners opened doors to The Godfather—a most popular and entertaining place to enjoy the best of Italian fare. Mike Tamer's pleasure in serving his own delicious variations of some dishes, whether to his friends, or to what had become his large family of loyal patrons, was equal to that of his love and enjoyment of music, especially classical. That, for him, started at a very young age and provided hours of solace as life went on. Mike Tamer became a very well-

known, popular man-about-town, with many close friends who daily enjoyed each other's companionship. Mike will be missed very much. Visitation will be Sunday, April 17, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel, 5377 E. Washington St. with a Mass of Christian Burial Monday at 11:00 a.m. at Little Flower Catholic Church, 4720 E. 13th St. He is survived by his daughter, Maria; sons, Michael (Laurie) and Matthew (Susan); two granddaughters, Amy and Cena; the mother of his children, Martie Tamer; and his longtime loving companion, Mary Klagiss. Life will not be the same without our Michael F. Tamer, Jr. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital.