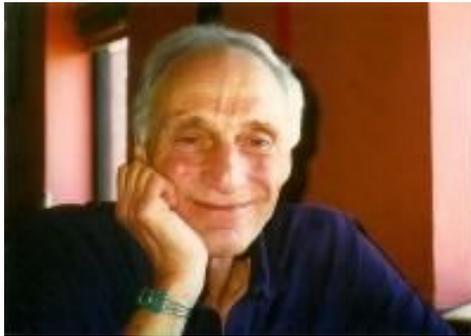


Michael Kahn



Michael Kahn, Ph.D

September 27, 1924-July 9, 2014

Clinical Psychologist, Professor of Psychology, Author, [WWII](#) Veteran, Bomber Pilot. Founding board member of the Christopher Reynolds Foundation, Board President for 40 years. Michael died peacefully at home on July 9th. Truth told with compassion and a deep belief in the path of loving kindness, are the goals he woke up with each morning and went to bed with each night. As a young 18 year old man, he believed in the just causes of World War II and left Harvard as an undergraduate and joined the [Army](#) Air Corps. For the rest of his civilian life, Michael worked tirelessly as Board President of The Christopher Reynolds Foundation, and as a Citizen of the US for Non-Violence and Social Justice. Michael never again saw a war he believed was motivated by a call of justice or freedom. He is survived by his wife, friend and companion of 30 years, Virginia, by 2 younger siblings whom he loved dearly, John Tuteur of Napa, and Maggie Tuteur of Graton, sister-in-law, Vee Tuteur, niece Jessica Tuteur-Davenport, nephew-in-law David Davenport. Jessica and David's children, Lily and Marco Tuteur-Davenport. Each of these five family members, he always kept in his heart. Michael is also survived by Brant Cortright, friend of 45 years, who in the heart of Michael was in truth, son and family. Brant's two sons, Devon Cortright and Kai Cortright, Michael's godsons who he loved and was proud of beyond measure. Their mother, Jennifer Cortright, who Michael lovingly referred to as his "godsister". His goddaughter, Izabela Trepes, who he thought of with great love and joy and was sure would follow in his footsteps to Harvard, by 3 grandchildren, Ryan Collins, Maci Collins and Logan Collins, each visit would fill him with so much love and delight that when they left, his first question was always "when are they coming back?". He is also survived by the numerous people whose hearts he has touched and inspired during his time here. The list is far too long to name. We will all miss and celebrate him the rest of our lives. As Michael would say, "Thank you everyone. Namaste."

There will be a Memorial for Michael on September 20, 2014 at 3:00pm at San Francisco Theological Seminary, 105 Seminary Rd., San Anselmo, CA 94960, Montgomery Chapel. Please, no flowers or donations are necessary.

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Don McCormick

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I was an official student of Michael's from 1972 to 1977 at Kresge College, University of California Santa Cruz. I have been an unofficial student of his for my entire life. There are so many things to say, but I'll just mention one. After I graduated there were two surveys of UCSC alumni. They were conducted a few years apart. One of the questions asked was along the lines 'What professor at UCSC most changed your life?' Both times, of the hundreds of professors at UCSC, the professor that was chosen most often was Michael. I believe that these surveys were given after Michael left UCSC, so that makes this even more remarkable. He certainly changed my life. He is, in many ways responsible for my career choice. I have so much to thank him for.

Kim Waller

August 09, 2014 | Houston, TX

I met Michael my freshman year at UC Santa Cruz. He was a faculty member at Kresge, one of the few who lived on campus and often opened his home to students. He often counseled me about my emotional ups and downs. I still remember some very good advice that he gave me. I also remember taking psychology 101, from him. He was an engaging speaker and I learned a lot about Freud from him. I also remember an article he and a colleague wrote on barn building. It was an idea for how academics could help each other with science in a constructive way rather than a destructive way. He took me flying in a small plane once. I also remember that he always wore a blue shirt, white jeans and a leather jacket. That simplified dressing. I was very lucky to have known him and I value his mentorship and remember how caring he was.

Terry Rooney Warnock

September 19, 2014 | Vashon Island, WA

I, too, was a student at Kresge College at UCSC in the 1970's. Michael was such a charismatic figure there--t-groups and kin groups, NTL seminars and his classes, especially Seminar on Seminars. I was lucky enough to be a TA in his Humanistic Psychology class--held outdoors of course, and to have him as my thesis advisor as well as in speaking and passing the nautilus shell at graduation in 1974. Michael was honest, kind, compassionate--a man of integrity--able to lead by example and so full of life. I am sure his family will have many warm memories to comfort them and ease the pain of his loss. I know he was a strong influence on me as a college student and I am honored to have known him.



Professor Michael Kahn

Our beloved colleague Michael Kahn died on Wednesday, July 9 at about 5 pm. Michael was a truly beautiful person and an inspiration to so many of us. The ICP celebration last spring brought him back to CIIS to hear tributes from colleagues and alumni.

Michael Kahn retired from CIIS at the end of 2007. He first joined CIIS in 1988 as Director of the Integral Counseling Center; in 1993 he also became a member of the faculty. Michael was a gifted teacher, committed to helping students discover themselves as they learned to become therapists. His publications include *Between Therapist and Client* (Holt, 1997 revised), *The Tao of Conversation* (New Harbinger Publishing, 1996) and *Basic Freud* (Basic Books, 2002).

In his last days, Michael was able to say goodbye to the people closest to him. He told his wife Virginia that he wanted a simple memorial service in the Quaker tradition to be held at their house.

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