

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

DION MC KENNA



Dion McKenna attended St. Theresa's Grammar School in Woodside, Queens. He entered Power Memorial Academy in September, 1952 and graduated in June, 1956. Initially studying business in college, Dion went to work for the Sperry Corporation in the emerging field of computer science. He eventually became the director of Information Technology at the New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens, before going to work at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Staten Island, from which he retired in 1999.

Of course, Dion's life was not just one of "all work and no play". Family life was equally important to him. In 1961, he married Eileen Cummins, of Cork, Ireland and they had 3 children, Kevin, Eileen and James. Their children, in turn, gave them, 8 grandchildren-Denise, Kevin, Alyssa, Carol, Scott, Sara, Stephen and James. Dion and Eileen spent 45 happy years together.

Lastly, Dion's affection for Alma Mater, Power Memorial Academy, cannot be overstated. He was one of the founding member's of the PMA Alumni Association and his administrative talents as Secretary served the group well. His sudden passing in 2006 came as a shock to all, but the groundwork he laid enabled the PMAAA to seamlessly continue its' mission of reuniting alumni and honoring the legacy of PMA. In fact, it's safe to say, if it weren't for the early efforts of Dion McKenna and the other charter members of the Alumni Association, chances are we wouldn't be meeting and honoring anyone tonight.