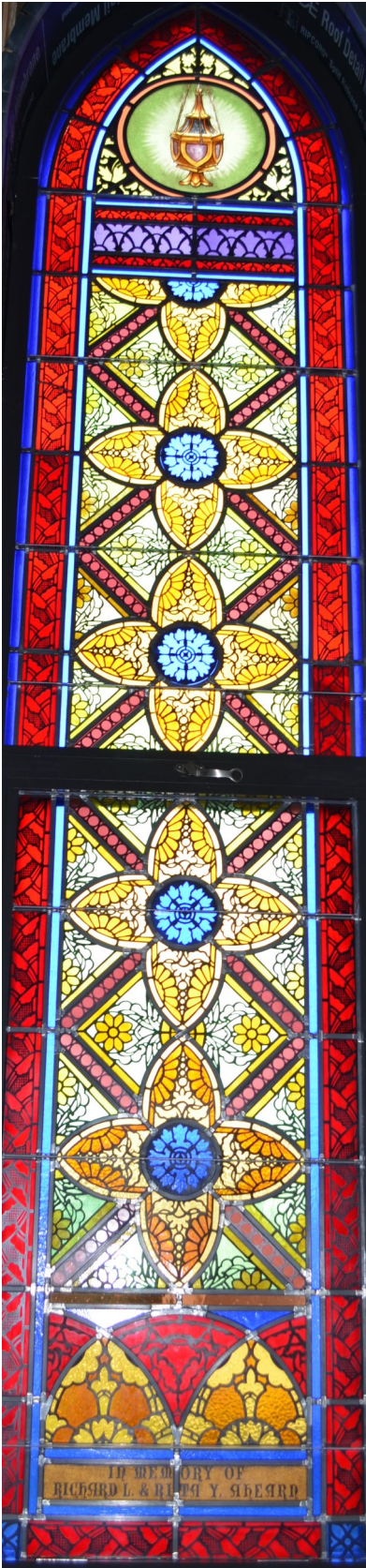


The Windows of St. Michael's

A brief history about those who donated the stained glass windows of St. Michael's, or in whose memory they were given.



Window Symbol: Censer

A vessel in which incense is burned, the censer represents the prayers of the faithful which drift upward like a fragrant and pleasing incense to heaven. "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering." Psalm 141:2

Given in Memory of: Richard and Rita Ahearn

Originally from the White Plains, New York, area Richard L. and Rita (Young) Ahearn lived on a 27-acre farm on Farmholme Road in Stonington since 1979. Throughout that time they were active supporters of both St. Michael Church and St. Michael School.

Richard Lombard Ahearn was born May 20, 1925 in White Plains, New York, son of Richard L. Ahearn Sr. and Catherine J. Kane. Rita Young was born November 19, 1927 in New York City, daughter of Henry Young and Rose McGuire. In 1951 they were married in White Plains, New York, and shortly after moved to New Canaan, Connecticut, where they raised their family. The Ahearns had five children: Richard J. Ahearn, Michael Y. Ahearn, Rita Lynn who married Mr. Keenan, J. Scott Ahearn, and Tara A. who married Mr. Moore.

After managing his father's company, Seaboard Weatherproofing, for many years, Richard Ahearn and a partner, Jed Holtzman, founded their own company, Ahearn & Holtzman. Richard retired from the company in 1992. Rita worked for a time as personal assistant to Hugh Chisholm at Chisholm Farm in New York. In 1968 Richard and Rita Ahearn and a friend purchased the Roger Sherman Inn in New Canaan and they managed it until 1992.

A continuing event that honors the commitment of the Ahearns' support for our parish community is the annual Rita Ahearn Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit St. Michael School. The tournament was started to remember Rita Ahearn, a dedicated member and volunteer in our parish and school community. Over the years it has raised over \$100,00 and has been the school's largest fundraiser.

On August 2, 2000 Richard Ahearn died at Yale-New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Connecticut. About eight years later, on March 5, 2008 Rita (Young) Ahearn died at home in Stonington. They're buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Mystic.

Descendants

Descendants of this Ahearn family include the **Ahearn, Young, Keenan, Moore, Schiller** and **Schlesinger** families. This family includes a brother of Richard, John R. Ahearn, who lost his life in the defense of our country in the final days of The Battle of the Bulge. The Ahearn family have been strong, active supporters of every community in which they've lived.