

## 2024 Alumni Appreciation Award Recipient – David Spenner '63



For years, the Mount Michael school and abbey kitchens were run by Dave Spenner. Dave joined the monastery after his graduation in 1963 and was assigned to work in the kitchen to oversee operations. He would leave the monastery only to return in the 80's to work in the kitchen again and was given the title Kitchen Master. As Kitchen Master, he would often work 12-14 hour days to make sure that all of the students and monastic community members have food. In addition to the long days, Dave had a very lean

budget so he had to be creative and organized to make sure that he could provide all the food necessary for the Mount Michael community.

As many alumni know, preparing and keeping everyone satisfied can be challenging. Dave not only kept the Mount Michael kitchen running for over 40 years, but he was always pleasant, open-minded, and willing to change things to help make others happy. Upon retirement from the kitchen, Dave continued to assist with the Fall Festival and mowing the grounds at Mount Michael. He is someone who truly gave their life to Mount Michael and he is incredibly deserving of this honor.