



Harold C. Gutknecht

September 29, 2010

Harold C. Gutknecht, owner and founder of Gutknecht Construction Company, passed away Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at home after a 4 ½ year courageous battle with lung cancer. He was 69 years old. Harold was surrounded by his loving wife and family. Born in Columbus, Ohio on November 7, 1940 to the late Marguerite and Harold E. Gutknecht, he graduated from St. Mary's High School, Class of 1959. Harold founded Gutknecht Construction Company in 1974. For 33 years he built a reputation for high quality construction in public works and was held in the highest regard among his contemporaries. Gutknecht Construction Company has left its mark on Central Ohio through the construction of many schools, churches, libraries and universities. Harold was a board member of the Associated General Contractors, Inc., a veteran life member of Charity Newsies, Columbus Builders Exchange, the Swiss Club, and a board member of Dave Fox Remodeling, Inc. Harold enjoyed life, and especially when sharing it with his many friends and family. In later years he treasured snowmobiling in Michigan, wintering in Florida, working in his garden and traveling with his wife and best friend, Moreen. Harold is survived by his wife, Moreen (McCann) Gutknecht; children, Heidi (David) Allen and Eric C. (Diana) Gutknecht, of Columbus, Ohio; grandchildren: Cortney, Casey and Cory Allen; Abby, Jessica, Joshua and Garret Gutknecht; Katelyn, Ashley and Riley Grey; step-children: Cherie (Richard) Erdlitz of Johnsburg, IL; Lauren (Sam) Thomas, of Columbus, OH; Jane (Mark) Perkins, of Zionsville, IN and their children: Matthew (Angela)

Erdlitz, Michael Erdlitz, Alexander, Brian and Eric Thomas; Nicholas and Daniel Perkins; and great-granddaughter Alexis Allen. He is also survived by numerous cousins. A special thanks to all current and former employees of Gutknecht Construction Company-a 100% employee-owned company-for all the years of loyal service to the company. It made for a most rewarding and enjoyable relationship. Family will receive friends from 2-4 & 6-8pm. SUNDAY at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471. (The funeral home is located on W. Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750 ¼ mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:00am. MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2010 at ST. MARY CHURCH, 684 South Third Street, Columbus, OH 43206-1094 with The Rev. Michael Watson, Celebrant. Burial will follow at Wesley Chapel Cemetery, Hilliard, Ohio. If they choose, friends may make memorial contributions to: Charity Newsies, 4300 Indianola Avenue, Columbus, OH 43214, in Harold's memory. Condolences may be sent to the family at: www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Harold C. Gutknecht*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Dear Moreen, My heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the loss of one so dear to you. Keeping you close in my thoughts and prayers. Love, The Carroll Cleek Family (Margie)*

Margaret Cleek - October 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are very sorry to hear of your loss. Please pass our warmest regards to the family. Sincerely, Rob Dix The Brickman Group Branch Manager - East Columbus, Ohio*

Rob Dix - October 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our sympathy and prayers to you, Moreen and to your family at this difficult time. Harold was a very generous person. He recently contributed to the Saint Mary's Golf outing held in September. The outing provided tuition help to students in need. Harold knew of the need and always helped St Mary's. May your dear on rest in peace. Sincerely, Sr. Regina, principal of St. Mary's and John M Sergio*

John M Sergio - October 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Moreen and Family: Harold was a great boss, and what a great company to work for! I have such fond memories of him and especially all the great things he did for his employees!*

Shelby Kurtz Levinson - October 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Moreen and family, Harold was the greatest boss I ever had. He made working a pleasure and I will always remember how he whistled up and down the halls at the office. He was a wonderful person and we have the upmost respect for him. Please know that you are in our prayers during this difficult time.

Suzanne (Lewis) & Don Codling - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HN

“ Moreen and Family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate Harold's life. He was a wonderful man.

Helen and Ron Kelly (Rockford Drive Neighbors) - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Harold was a great boss and a good man.

Pat Wise - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I had to stop by and let the entire family know what Harold meant to us over at McConnell Heart Health Center. I had the honor of working with Harold during his rehab. What an amazing spirit- he brightened up this place! Every member of your team loved Harold and the energy he brought to the center. We could always count on him being here and having a great attitude. Please know that he will be missed. He left his mark on us. You will all be in our prayers.
Monica Churchill

Monica Churchill - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *It is with great sorrow & a heavy heart that we say good-bye to a great boss, a great teacher & among all else, a great human being. You will be missed. - Char & Larry*

Char - September 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The best person I have known*

Tim Tutt - September 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM