



## James V. Musick

March 28, 2009

James V. Musick, “The Chief” is gone. At age 86 ½, Jim, a Professional Engineer (retired), died in the early morning hours at The Laurels of Worthington on March 28, 2009. He was born in Poorfork, KY the 6th of 8 children of Mallie (Couch) and Marshall Alderson Musick. In 1941, he played on the Jellico, TN High School football team, which was unbeaten and unscored upon. 1942-1945 served in the U.S. Army Air Corps and flew B-17s. Received B.S. in Civil Engr. from U. of Illinois 1949, post grad work in Traffic Engr. at Yale U. Professional Transportation Engr. for 51 years. Under 5 mayors, served 40 years as Chief Traffic Engr. for the City of Columbus. Previously served as Safety Dir. for City of Columbus; Asst. Traffic Engr. for City of Cincinnati; Traffic Engr. for Air Materiel Command, USAF; Engr. of Traffic Ohio Dept. of Highways; Applications Engr. with a private firm. Dubbed by his peers as “The Traffic Engineers’ Engineer” and recognized as “The Father of the Edgeline,” he invented and developed the white lines at the pavement edge, which became federally mandated nationwide. Member for many years of the National Joint Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Transportation Research Board of Natl. Academy of Sciences, and Institute of Transportation Engineers, serving as Legislative Committee Chairman and as President of the Ohio Section. Among his other remarkable achievements are the installation of the nation’s first traffic signal system designed to keep daily traffic flowing smoothly and provide Civil Defense evacuation for Columbus and Franklin County. He also installed the first

computerized traffic signal system in a central business district that utilized coaxial cable interconnect and remote-controlled TV monitoring. He designed the flow of traffic for over 90,000 OSU football fans to get onto and off the campus readily. Designed and helped oversee the traffic flow system for the Muirfield Golf Tournaments, while serving on the Tournament Committee every year of its existence until his retirement. The James V. Musick Traffic Engineering Facility building on 17th Avenue was named for him in recognition of his tireless work in developing an in-city, self-sufficient, income-producing street and freeway sign-making shop and vehicle storage facility. Mr. Musick was preceded in death by 7 siblings, Ralph, Bennett, Jennings, Burt, Francis, Ruth and Pauline; and by his wife of 63 years, Margaret L. (Moore) Musick. He is survived by his daughters, Claudia Ann (John) Riley, Linda Jean (Gary) Evans, and Marlise A. Musick; sons, James R., Jeffrey A. (Margie), and Thomas E. Musick; grandchildren, Ryan C. (Michelle) Riley, Kendra Ann (Jason) Curtis, Carey L. Evans, James Musick, Jeanette Long, Jason Musick and Joseph Musick; great-granddaughter, Mikayla Raquel Riley; nieces and nephews. Family will receive visitors from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 3, 2009 at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 HIGH STREET, WORTHINGTON to pay respects to Jim and swap stories. At his own request, no funeral services will be held. Interment at Green Lawn Cemetery, 1000 Greenlawn Ave., Cols. Heartfelt thanks to the staff and aides at The Laurels of Worthington, Odyssey Health Care, Inc. (Hospice). In lieu of flowers, friends may contribute to: The Alzheimer's Assoc., 3380 Tremont Rd., Cols., OH 43221 or to The Heinzerling Developmental Center, 1755 Heinzerling Dr., Cols., OH 43223 or to The Open Shelter, 370 W. State St., Cols., OH 43215, in Jim's memory.

# Tribute Wall



“ *James V. Musick*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I regret that my wife and I will be unable to visit with the Musick family during calling hours on Friday. As neighbors on Charleston Ave. we very much enjoyed knowing the Musicks and are deeply saddened by the passing of Mr. Musick, who I knew to be a caring, friendly, kind and humorous man. I'll always remember the time when I was in high school, and went to the OSU-TCU football game. I had spent all the money my dad had given me in order to buy a ticket. I ran into Mr. Musick underneath the east side of the Horseshoe and he asked me how I was doing, and then said, "are you hungry?" And I kind of said, that I was OK. He then proceeded to buy me pop, a hotdog and popcorn, and told me to "have fun." Obviously, I was touched by the gesture he showed me that day. I also appreciated seeing him at both of my parents' funerals, and regret that I cannot share other great memories I had of him with all of you in person. My thoughts and prayers are with all the Musick family as we remember this great individual who certainly left his mark on all of us who had the pleasure of knowing him.*

**Bob Cody** - April 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Claudia, Linda and Family, My sister sent me the article and obituary from the paper. I was so sorry to hear about your loss. Seeing his picture brought back so many good memories of our rides up to Lorain to spend the weekend with you and your family. If you get a chance please e-mail me and let me know how you two are doing and what you have been up to. Love, Peggy*

**Peggy Grimes Sheaffer** - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ To the Musick Family, While a reporter in the '70s and '80s, I interviewed Jim numerous times. In 2000, I joined the Department of Public Service, where I had the privilege of working with Jim. Yes, he was an innovator, but what I will remember most a kind, gentle soul. Mary Carran Webster

---

**Mary Carran Webster** - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Dear Musick Family, Although not knowing Mr. Musick or your family personally, my heart goes out to you during your time of loss. Losing someone is truly saddening. By drawing close to God in prayer the Bible promises that “he himself will sustain you” during this difficult time.—Psalm 55:22. Certainly, we know that soon "death will be no more". (Revelation 21:3-4 ) It is my hope that you will find comfort from these few words during this difficult period. If you would like additional information on the subject please go to [www.watchtower.org/e/200712/article\\_01.htm](http://www.watchtower.org/e/200712/article_01.htm).

---

**Brian** - March 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM