



Ralph Vincent Roberts

May 28, 2013

Ralph Vincent Roberts, 66, of Dublin, Ohio passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 after a heroic battle against cancer. Ralph was born April 13, 1947 in Columbus, Ohio. He was a member of the first graduating class of Bishop Ready High School. He was also a graduate of The Ohio State University with a degree in finance. Ralph proudly served his country in Vietnam from 1969-1970 before returning home to operate his own Gulf Gas Station. In the early 1970's, he then went to work for Worthington Industries where he spent the next 38 years in various leadership roles. Ralph was an avid traveler, sportsman, and a loyal OSU fan! He knew no strangers and could light up a room with his presence. Family and friends were always his most valued assets. Ralph is survived by his high school sweetheart and devoted wife of 44 years, Melinda (Hill). His three children and their families, Brad and Lauri (Roberts) DeLong (Madison, Linden and Tate) of Perrysburg, Ohio. Todd and Trish Roberts (Kole, Avery and Brinn) of St. Louis, Missouri, and Michael and Amy Roberts (Thayer and Jordan) of Plano, Texas. Ralph is also survived by his father, Bernard Roberts, of Surprise, Arizona and brothers, Dennis, Patrick, and William as well as many other extended family members. He was preceded in death by his mother Alice and brother Donny. Ralph's life will be celebrated with Visitation 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday, June 3, 2013 at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 W. Olentangy St. (Powell Rd./St. Rt. 750/1/4 mile east of Sawmill Pkwy) Powell, Ohio 43065. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 a.m. Tuesday, June

4, 2013 at St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church, 7179 Avery Rd., Dublin, Ohio 43017. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Kobacker House, 800 McConnell Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43214, where Ralph spent the final leg of his journey being cared for with dignity and grace. The family will be eternally grateful for their care. Condolences to www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Vincent Roberts*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I just found out today that Ralph passed away and I must say - I was stunned. I had no knowledge that he was even ill. I have been crying all day. I worked for Worthington Industries for over 11 years and got to know very well during our WIBS endeavors. I look at him as a mentor. I have thought about him often and about the things I have learned from him. I have the utmost respect for him, always will!! My prayers to his family who I know he cherished. I am sorry for your loss. I can't even imagine the void he has left in your lives. He was an amazing person and my heartfelt condolences go out to each and everyone of you. God Bless.*

Teri L. Surin

Teri Surin - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mrs. Roberts, We here at ThyssenKrupp were truly sorry to hear of the loss of Ralph Vincent Roberts. Please allow us, on behalf of all of us at ThyssenKrupp, to extend our deepest sympathies to you and your family. We are looking back to a long-term business relationship with your husband. He was a very valuable asset to our cooperation and we mourn the loss along with you. May God give you the strength to bear the loss. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you think of anything we can do to help. Yours sincerely, Dr. Heribert Fischer, Dr. Ulrich Jaroni, Rudolf Helldobler, Rainer Heupel*

Rudolf Helldobler - June 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Our heartfelt sympathies to the Roberts family. Ralph was the consummate gentleman as well as just a fun person to be around. In addition to his professional accomplishments, we always admired his dedication to family and how important each one of his children and grandchildren were to him and Lyn. He will be missed by all those he touched.

John and Evie Susie - June 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Bob and I were sorry to hear about Ralph's passing. You are in heaven surrounded by God's heavenly angels now.. Ralph, you will be saly missed. Our heartfelt condolences go out to your family.

Bob and Vickie Beal - June 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ I would like to send my sincere condolences to the family. Ralph, you are in my thoughts. Dr. Ulrich Jaroni

Dr. Ulrich Jaroni - June 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ I would like to send to The Roberts' Family my most sincere condolences on Ralph's passing. Here in Spain we will also miss Ralph`s friendship and we will remember the good time we had working together. My best Personal Regards Javier Imaz

Javier Imaz - June 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We are so sorry to hear about Ralph's passing. He was one of the finest men I have ever met. My connection was through his two sons, Todd & Mike, while they attended high school in the Philadelphia area. Ralph had all of the attributes of a good family man & a real leader. His warm smile touched all of us. Sincerely, Jim Halpin

James Halpin - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Will truly miss you Ralph. It was a real pleasure to get the opportunity to know you and deal with you. Yours was a rare talent in our industry, a blend of the personal touch with complete professionalism. Your smile has been a beacon of light every time we met and will continue on in our memories for ever. God Bless.

Ax Jain, Tata Steel - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ Todd and family, my condolences on your loss. You were truly blessed to have shared life with such a wonderful man. I'm sure he is smiling down from heaven very proud of his loving family. Sincerely, Bob Voss

Robert Voss - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Lynn, So sorry to hear about the passing of Ralph. Bill and I will always remember the Buckeye Cruise for Cancer that you both attended with your sister Tami and the neighborhood friends from Hemmingway Village in Dublin. I also got to know Ralph as a member of board for PDSi. He will be missed by many, and the memories of him will be cherished. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Lynne and Bill

Lynne and Bill Waldron - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ So saddened to hear the news. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Nick Tomashot - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Melinda and Family I wanted to let you know how saddened we all are here at Armstrong at Ralph's passing. He was a true friend and a great co-worker. I got to know him over the past three years as a member of the WAVE board. He made such huge contributions to our joint venture with Worthington as the founder and CEO of WAVE and as a board member. He truly did light up the room with his presence, his stories, and his humor. He faced his cancer very bravely and we are all proud to have known him. I am sure this is a very difficult time for all of you. Our deepest sympathies and our prayers are with you. Tom Mangas*

Tom Mangas - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *We were sad to hear of the passing away of Ralph. A truly gifted individual who left a lasting impression. Matt and I are forever thankful for the opportunity Ralph gave to Matt, professionally! We know the Lord welcomed Ralph with open arms and gratitude for a life well lived. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless!
Kathleen and Matt Finan*

Kathleen and Matt Finan - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *I met Ralph a few years ago and was impressed with his ethics and dignity, a truly wonderful man.*

carl aschinger - May 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

John and Cindy Roby - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Dear Lynn and family, I have so many wonderful memories of our trips to Columbus as I was growing up. That was the only vacation I knew. I got to know my cousins and am so very grateful for that. I know Ralph is in a better place and hope all the good memories help his family cope. I'm glad Jim and I came back to see Ralph in april. Our Thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love, Peggy & Jim

Peggy and Jim Lewis - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

IG

“ On behalf of Mota-Engil and in my own name I present our deepest condolences.

Ismael Gaspar - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I have many fond memories of Ralph during my tenure at WAVE. During numerous 1-1 meetings with him, I was impressed with his genuine personal interest in my family as well as my career development. He passed along his wisdom (on work and raising a family), without saying what you had to do. You were important when you were in Ralph's presence. I'm clearly grateful for having known Ralph. My sincere condolences to the Roberts family.

Andy Cutler - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“Melinda, Bless you and your family, we will always remember Ralph as one of our leaders in the class of 65'. He was additionally an extremely loving, kind and genuine person. God Bless him! Fondly, Judy and Jim Muir

Jim and Judy Muir - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“Ralph, we started off as business acquaintances, but soon became great friends. I will always remember our times together in Colorado “Glassing Elk” and our long talks about life in the afternoons. Those talks always reflected your strong values in family, honor and above all honesty with words of wisdom to live by. We share a common bronze sculpture of three elk on a ridge called the “The Boys Club” that I thought was perfect for us when I saw it in Montana. I look at it daily in my office and it brings back all the memories of the great times we shared over the last several years. I remember when you called me after receiving your sculpture and laughing that your grandchildren thought it was Santa’s reindeer. Finally Ralph...I OWE YOU! You have the last laugh/dig on our U of M vs. OSU rivalry. When you were collecting for a retirement gift for a mutual friend, all you said to me was “you’re covered”. You refused to accept a penny from me, so I figured out a way to pay you back. I made a donation to THE Ohio State University in your name. This was extremely painful for a diehard Wolverine, but for you it was worth it. Unfortunately, I made the mistake of making it on-line and now four or five times a year I get emails and letters asking for my continued support as an “Ohio State Supporter”. So for years to come I will be labeled and continue to be harassed for my continued support of your alma mater. Thanks for the memories, the friendship, the mentoring, and the love you gave to all of us.

Mark & Gail Zmyslowski - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Lynn & Family, We are so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. He will always be remembered to me as a great coach, leader, friend, and certainly one of the nicest people I have had the pleasure of knowing. My years of working with Ralph were few, but they were certainly influential. His voice and presence in a room were incredible to me as you just knew when he walked in. My heart goes out to you all. Warm Personal Regards, Paul Graf

Paul & Victoria Graf - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Todd & Trish: Sending our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Praying The Lord gives you peace and comfort during this difficult time in your lives.

Dan & Lydia Herrera - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ We lost a good in Ralph. Although Heaven is not second place, my prayers of peace and Jesus's presence be with you and your family. Sincerely with condolence Brian Rose

Brian Rose - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ To The Roberts' Family: My most sincere condolences on Ralph's passing. He will surely be missed by family, friends, colleagues, and acquaintances. I will always remember with fondness and pride the time I knew and worked with Ralph at WAVE. He was a mentor, coach, friend, and leader who "made a difference" in my life, both personally and professionally. Let's celebrate his life and be thankful he passed away peacefully after his long battle with cancer. Warm Personal Regards, Bob Hadfield

Robert W. Hadfield - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Melinda, so sorry to hear about Ralph. Your family will be in our prayers. Love, Christine and Tom*

Christine and Tom Murphy - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *God Bless Ralph. I am sorry for your loss. Ralph was a good man! He is missed.*

Dan Stoettner - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ *We condole the passing away of a dear colleague and a friend. Ralph was a thorough gentleman and a committed associate. We pray for peace to his soul, and fortitude for his family to tide over the moving on of dear Ralph, with wisdom and understanding.*

Bharat Wakhlu, TATA India - May 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Ralph, We will certainly miss your great smile, huge bear hugs and ever-present positive outlook on life. All the great stories, driveway campfires and bbq's, along with the always welcome advice and wisdom. From the first day we met both you and Lynn, we knew we had great neighbors. As sad as this time is, I look at the lives of your family and friends in which you have touched and lead in such a magnificent way. What a legacy you have produced for all of us. Even though we are saddened, we rest assured in the promise of Jesus Christ, that you are in no more pain (Rev 21:4) and that we will reunite with you again. So we take comfort in remembering the many lives that you have touched and knowing that we are only TEMPORARILY separated. Until we meet again, Brady, Nicole, Brennan, Sydni & Karson.....*

Brady & Nicole Starling - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Lin, Lauri, Todd, Mike, spouses and grands, His pain has now be given to The Lord and your husband, dad and grandfather rests comfortably forever w/ the angels, his brother and his mom. Please accept our sincere condolences and prayers. These next steps on your journey will be shaky but your support group will lift you up and keep you strong and allow tears to fall when they will. Blessings, Marita and John*

Marita - May 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM