



Vadim I. Utkin

October 30, 1937 - September 18, 2022

On Sunday Sept 18, Vadim Utkin (Moscow, 1937) passed away in Columbus, Ohio. He was a man who loved life passionately with all its ups and downs, with its gifts and tragedies and so many different kinds of people, that he seemed to us all to be immortal. Every death is untimely, but his was far more untimely than others. Vadim was a professor whom his students adored; he was a brilliant scientist who had received some of the most important international awards; the only ones he was accustomed to getting. At the same time, he approached his work as a creative person, as an artist with great talent and never-ending inspiration. He wrote a beautiful essay in which he compared scientific work and creative artistic work. Vadim had a poet's soul; he knew many poems by heart and enjoyed reciting them. He was miraculously gentle and full of intellectual refinement. He had a strong sense of ethics and never did anything ethically objectionable. He was cheerful, gentle and good, but his scientific work knew no compromise. He knew people as only a person of great sensitivity can know them, when they are alone and he sees such a person prophetically from a single turn of their face. He was a man and a scientist with such a scrupulous conscience that he listened even when others, the deaf, felt safe.

By: Monika Zgustova

Writer, translator, long term friend

A Memorial Service will be held at 4:30 pm Friday, September 23, 2022 at Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, Ohio 43065 where friends may gather from 4:00 pm until the service at 4:30 pm.

Cemetery Details

Dublin Cemetery

83 W. Bridge Street
Dublin, OH 43017
(614) 410-4700

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 23. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
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Tribute Wall

KR

“ *One of the kindest, most sincere and wonderful people I ever had the opportunity to work with. May his memory always be a blessing.* ”

Karl Rubin - October 03, 2023 at 09:32 AM



“ *Vadim I. Utkin* ”

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

MS

“ *RIP Vadim. A brilliant research scientist and great humanitarian. Deeply missed.* ”

Mihai Spataru - November 15, 2022 at 08:20 PM

MS

“ *RIP Professor Utkin. Such a great loss. Such a nice person. Such an outstanding scientist.* ”



Mihai Spataru - November 14, 2022 at 07:29 PM

ZW

“ I just knew Prof. Utkin's pass-away. As a formal student at OSU who attended his Optimal Control class, I will miss Prof. Utkin FOREVER. His class was ranked number one in my mind among all the courses I ever received during my Ph.D. The office hours spent together with Prof. Utkin will be cherished in my heart. RIP, Prof. Utkin. You were a great scholar, teacher, and mentor.

Respectfully,
ZJ

Zejiang Wang - November 14, 2022 at 04:54 PM

MS

“ Such a great loss. Truly sadden. A great character and human being. Miss you dearly.RIP Vadim



Mihai Spataru - November 14, 2022 at 01:34 AM

MS

“ So sad to hear the passage of this great research scientist and humanitarian. RIP Vadim



Mihai Spataru - November 14, 2022 at 12:26 AM

RS

“ *In loving memory and remembrance of Dr. Vadim Utkin, devoted scientist, engineer and professor. With love and admiration, we celebrate your life and will always miss you dear Professor Utkin.*



Con cariño, en recuerdo del Dr. Vadim Utkin, quien de manera admirable dedicó su vida entera a la ciencia. Desde Monterrey, México, lamentamos su partida y celebramos su vida querido profesor V. Utkin.

-Rodolfo Salinas-Villarreal

Rodolfo Salinas-Villarreal - October 06, 2022 at 10:40 AM

SS

“ September 26, 2022

Dear Family of Professor Vadim I. Utkin:

We were shocked and saddened to learn that Vadim passed away. Vadim and Stephen were colleagues at The Ohio State University (OSU).

We are sending our condolences to you. We were fortunate that we could express our feelings briefly to Vadim's daughter in the Rutherford Funeral Home.

Vadim went to heaven. His dying is a great loss for his family and friends, as well as for OSU. His passing away is truly sad news. Vadim was a distinguished and very successful researcher and professor. He was known world-wide, but he remained a modest, friendly, soft-spoken, always kind and always polite person. He loved his profession. He was a perfect gentleman.

May he rest in peace.

We know that since the beginning of his health problems, and especially, since the passing away of Vadim you have been going through a very-very difficult and sad period of your life. Please accept our sincere condolences and sympathy.

*We wish the best to you all,
Eva and Stephen Sebo*

Stephen A. Sebo - September 26, 2022 at 06:08 PM

VG

“ *Veysel Gazi lit a candle in memory of Vadim I. Utkin*



Veysel Gazi - September 25, 2022 at 03:37 AM

VG

“ *Great man and excellent scientist! We will miss you Prof. Utkin. With love and respect ... Veysel Gazi*

Veysel Gazi - September 25, 2022 at 03:08 AM

EL

“ *I've worked with Dr Utkin as an IT support staff member in The Ohio State University for many years, and he has always been very kind and patient with my fellow staff members. He is a true gentleman in every aspect and we will all greatly miss him.*



Edwin Lim - September 23, 2022 at 08:42 AM

IK

“ *Irina and Michael Kononovich purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Vadim I. Utkin.*



Irina and Michael Kononovich - September 22, 2022 at 03:56 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vadim I. Utkin.*



September 22, 2022 at 12:31 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Vadim I. Utkin.*



September 22, 2022 at 01:16 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vadim I. Utkin.*



September 21, 2022 at 06:57 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vadim I. Utkin.*



September 21, 2022 at 05:36 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Vadim I. Utkin.*



September 21, 2022 at 04:32 PM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Vadim I. Utkin.*



September 21, 2022 at 03:47 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Vadim I. Utkin.*



September 21, 2022 at 02:37 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Vadim I. Utkin.*



September 21, 2022 at 02:28 PM