



Victor N. Stentz

October 3, 1942 - July 1, 2021

Victor Neal Stentz passed away peacefully at his home on July 1, 2021, succumbing to his 6 year battle against multiple myeloma.

He was born in 1942 in Wooster, OH to Adair C. Stentz and Virginia F. Stentz. The family moved to Columbus in the late '40's making Clintonville their home. He was a 1960 graduate of North High School and a 1965 graduate of Rio Grande College where he founded the golf team. He worked at Lennox Corporation and then at Worthington Cylinders after Worthington Industries acquisition of that division. He retired from Worthington Cylinders for the second and final time in 2008. But that's another story.

Vic was loved by all who knew him. He had a way about him which seemed to naturally attract people. He loved his family and friends as they loved him.

He was a family man, always there to help or support. He took special joy in his grandchildren's adventures. He loved to hear about your day. He was an engaged husband, father and grandfather. When he asked how it was going, he wouldn't let you off with "Ehh...it's going". Be ready for a follow-up question because he cared and wanted to know. He enjoyed the time he spent with his family whether it was on vacation, at a play, ball game or recital. He wanted to be there to show his support.

In his retirement he loved the winters he and his wife Becky spent in Siesta Key, FL. Their group of friends, his regular golf group and dinners out brought them so much joy. He was so proud when he finally joined the Moose Lodge for Bingo Night.

Vic truly enjoyed golf. If you played with him you were certain to hear about a Tarpy's Salami, and keg of beer in a station wagon on the way from Rio Grande to the OSU Golf Course to play in the Kepler Open. If you heard it you laughed. Vic attended Ohio State for his first year of college. As he told it, the university kindly requested he pursue his degree elsewhere primarily as the result of 36 holes every Saturday and Sunday with 18 wherever it fit the schedule. He had an absolutely uncanny ability to remember nearly every hole of golf on every course he played. His recounting of his 1 round at Pebble Beach was a wonder to hear. He even recalled those holes he never played. The 2021 Masters tournament included drones to cover the tournament for the first time. He never played Augusta nor walked it. When the tournament came on for Thursday coverage it included drone footage of a hole from the green sweeping back to the tee. As he sat in bed, not feeling so well, he simply commented "16" while his son's mouth fell open. "Ehhh...I just know" was his response when he was asked how he figured that out.

Beyond golf, he loved Ohio State. There was nothing more predictable than his observations regarding a slow 1st quarter for the Ohio State football team against an inferior opponent. "They better not let this team hang on or they will be in trouble" he would observe. Someone pointing out that 10-3 in the first quarter would equate to 40-12 at the end of the fourth surely heard the reply "You know what I mean." Then a wry smile would crop up.

Vic is survived by his wife Becky, his son Brian (Jill), his step daughters Katy (Jeff) Chilcoat and Felicity Beck, his grandsons Zachary, Owen and Spencer (Dana), granddaughters Claire (Peter), Abby, Tatum, Chioe and Julia (Bradon)

his brothers Rex (Sue) and Keith (Joyce). Preceding him in death were his parents Adair C. And Virginia F., and his wife M. Dolly.

Vic was a storyteller. He loved to laugh. Stories abound from his days as a young boy playing baseball for the Columbus Warhawks, his days at North High School or Rio Grande College as well as his years at Worthington Industries. There were simply too many to count. The family would encourage and welcome anyone who wishes to share with us your stories about Vic (or Barrel, as he was known) in the space below. We loved him and we know many others did as well. Your joy in his memory would be greatly appreciated.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society at givenow.LLS.org would be appreciated.

A letter of remembrance from Vic's brother:

Vic was my baby brother. I used to take him for walks in his stroller on Bever Street in Wooster, where he was born.

When we moved to Columbus, while us big kids played cowboys, Vic would use a dish towel as a cape and pretend he was Superman and run around with us. When we outgrew such child-ish things, us big kids played baseball in a vacant lot. Meanwhile, Baby Vic played for a real honest-to-goodness Little League team and made his father proud.

When I grew up and left to pursue my own life and career, Vic stayed with the family in Columbus. As he achieved success in business, even from a distance, I knew that his accomplishments and the praise of his co-workers, were due to more than his skills and business acumen. It was because of the warmth, compassion and respect my baby brother had for people.

It was this love for others and belief in himself that carried him through the many tribulations he faced in life, including the loss of his first wife, Dolly. It made him a good and caring father to Brian. It enabled him to create a new life with his beloved Becky and have the blessing of her love and that of her family as well as his own.

And it was this essential humanity that enabled Vic to face his final days with courage and without complaint. And when Becky opened the door and let the love from others come in, Vic returned that love to each and every one of us. Because that's the kind of man he was.

Yes, he was my baby brother. But Vic was more than that, He was the best of us.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

3349 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, OH 43202
(614) 267-5471

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 8. 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085
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Memorial Service

JUL 8. 6:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Victor N. Stentz*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Vic and I go back to 1971 when I started at Worthington. This man could tell the funniest stories about himself and you knew they had to be true. Some of my favorites were about his moose hunting trips to Canada, his mechanical abilities at his trophy company and his adventures working in production at Lenox. Vic loved to golf. I had played many times with him and he taught me that the game can be fun. Vic brought life to everyone he contacted. I will miss you dearly. RIP my friend.*

Steve (Chief) Gentry

Steve Gentry - July 09, 2021 at 12:29 PM



*I got to know Vic while working at Worthington Cylinders. I worked across the hall from his office and he always had you laughing from the stories he told. I remember Vic had to make calls overseas and he would slow his words down and speak louder so he was understood. Vic was a pleasure to know and work with. I too will miss him.
Phillip Mattingly*

Phillip Mattingly - July 09, 2021 at 09:26 PM



“ *Vic was my first boss at Lennox in 1961. We worked together for the next 35 years! Lennox and Worthington. He was a beautiful, great person! I will miss the "Barrell"!!
David Walsh*

David Walsh - July 08, 2021 at 12:19 PM

MT

“ *Melissa Dingus & the WI Quality teams purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Victor N. Stentz.*



Melissa Dingus & the WI Quality teams - July 08, 2021 at 09:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Victor N. Stentz.*



July 07, 2021 at 09:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Victor N. Stentz.*



July 07, 2021 at 09:25 PM

SS

“ Vic's smile and laughter was so infectious, and simply put, a wonderful person to be around. Always competitive on the golf course and always a gem at the Skinner Family Reunion here in Barnesville. To Becky, Brian, Felicity, Katy and all the grandkids, may God help to ease your pain and tears and bring you peace swiftly. He shall be greatly missed, but his memory will last eternally.

Shane Skinner & Family

SHANE SKINNER - July 07, 2021 at 02:23 PM

BK

“ I also knew Vic for a long time. Worked with him, golfed with him and laughed a lot with him! We always talked about going fishing in Canada together but never got around to it. When we were at the Westerville plant, if he had a customer from overseas on the phone, he talked extra loud just to make sure they heard him!! A wonderful person and friend we will miss!

Bob Kotarba

Bob Kotarba - July 07, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Victor N. Stentz.



July 07, 2021 at 01:08 AM

KC

“ Victor was my first friend here at Worthington Industries. I started in 1992 with the Cylinders division and my fondest memory of him was my first day of work. He said, "Kathy, already you've committed the three worst offenses right off the bat." Of course with his gruff voice, I was terrified. "First, you're wearing slacks (back in the days, women had to wear skirts or a dress), "Second, you have parked in Don Malenick's spot (Don, being WI's President at that time). In my defense, the spot wasn't marked, but it was just "understood" that NOBODY parks there. "Third, you're driving a Honda, or a foreign car." Worthington Industries is America Made. Well, after he read me my rights, he laughed that big barrell laugh and said, "well kid, there's always tomorrow" and he poured the rest of his coffee in the plant by the door. I grew to love this man so much and I love the picture that you picked. That's exactly how I remember him and "Veek-tor" will always have a place in my heart. I will always miss you, my dear friend!

Kathy Clark

KATHY CLARK - July 06, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Victor N. Stentz.



July 05, 2021 at 11:06 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Victor N. Stentz.*



July 05, 2021 at 02:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Victor N. Stentz.*



July 04, 2021 at 06:48 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Victor N. Stentz.*



July 04, 2021 at 04:06 PM



“ *I will always have a spot in my heart full of beautiful memories of Vic. I also thank him profusely for the son that he lovingly reared and is now my son in law. Brian could not of had a more caring father and much of his spirit remains within. No one can remember Vic and not have a smile appear, that's just the sort of gentleman he was.*

Jo Ann Cubberly - July 04, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Victor N. Stentz.*



July 04, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ *Dear Avis (Vic),
What a perfect picture to remember you. Right away we see your infectious smile. We were always greeted with a bear hug and smile. You were always so welcoming to your Wisconsin family, we so much enjoyed all the stories you had to share. Golf stories, fishing stories and of course family stories. They always started with a cute little chuckle. We enjoyed all of them. Not only could you tell a good story but you could listen to ours as well. We remember you always calling Sadie (Becky) to let her know how your golf game was going or when you would be coming home, You were always so thoughtful about letting Sadie know your plans. Gene will treasure the memories of you and him golfing in Indiana when we were on one of our SMO's. Swan Lake was one of our favorite but sadly our last. Your love of family and friends was so admired. We remember getting to taste your famous "Flank Steak" and shrimp cocktail sauce. You sure were the Master Griller. Avis we are so glad you met Sadie and fell in love. Your love story was something very special. We are so blessed to have been part of that story. Now you Rest In Peace...no more tears or pain...only peace. We miss you.
Love you! Geno and Becky*

Mallingers - July 04, 2021 at 10:00 AM

MA

“ *Dear, Sweet Vic!
So many memories!
The best is his famous...Hellooooo!
Will miss him soooo...
Mary and Slick*

mary allison - July 03, 2021 at 09:28 AM

DR

*Victor
I really enjoyed our euchre games and you special Bloody Mary
I will miss you good buddy
Chief*

David Rieker - July 04, 2021 at 11:05 AM

RS

My friendship with Vic began some 70 years ago in Little League Baseball. He was with the Warhawks and I was with the Tigers, It was at that time a Clintonville rivalry. A few years later we played with the Warhawks basketball team. We went through grades 1 - 12 together. Those were quite some times. Perhaps the most fun we had were the last 20 years playing golf at Blackhawk. We shared our misery and good times on the course. I watched Vic ace number 11 at the Hawk. I also watched him reload with 6 titleists on number 15 in the pond on his 2nd shot. We both shared these stories just a month ago. I sure will miss him.

Robert Surtman - July 05, 2021 at 10:06 AM