



Wayne Joseph Rohrbaugh

February 12, 2010

Wayne Joseph Rohrbaugh, 61, of Dublin, Ohio, died suddenly at home on Friday, February 12, 2010. Born in York, Pa. to Joe and Mary Rohrbaugh, Wayne was a graduate of York Suburban High School, Class of 1966. He received his Bachelor of Science, Physics, from Drexel University, in Philadelphia in 1971, and his Ph.D, Physical Chemistry, from Iowa State University, in 1977. Wayne was a former professor at Wesley College, Dover, Del., then a Research Chemist at Mobil Oil Corp., a Scientific Manager at ICI Americas, Inc. Later he worked at Ashland Chemical and retired in 2007. In his retirement, Wayne worked at USG in Chicago, Ill., then moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, in January, 2009 to work with Syrgis Performance Products as Chief Technology Officer. He was a member of the American Chemical Society, Analytical Laboratory Manager's Association and Directors of Industrial Research. Wayne was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 38 years, Phyllis Theresa (Leonard) Rohrbaugh, who died in August, 2009. He is survived by his parents, Joe and Mary Rohrbaugh, of York, Pa.; brother, Christian (Judy) Rohrbaugh, of Silver Lake, OH; children, Stephanie Rohrbaugh, of Dublin, Ohio, Michael (Stacey) Rohrbaugh, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Daniel Rohrbaugh, of Galloway, Ohio, and Christine (Jeremy) Combs of Columbus, Ohio; granddaughter, Sara Nicole Combs; mother-in-law, Rose Leonard, of Glenn Mills, Pa.; sisters-in-law, Mary (Andrew) Pfeifer of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Carole (David) Kline, of Philadelphia, Maureen (Rex) Vickers, of Secane, Pa., and their families. Wayne was a parishioner of St.

Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin, Ohio 43017, where Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, February 18, 2010 with The Rev. Monsignor Joseph M. Hendricks, Celebrant. Burial will follow at Resurrection Cemetery, Lewis Center, Ohio. Family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday 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 Road/SR 750 ¼ mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) In lieu of flowers, friends are asked to consider contributions in Wayne's memory to St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church, Endowment Fund, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin, OH 43017. Condolences may be forwarded to the family at www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com

Tribute Wall



“ Wayne Joseph Rohrbaugh

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ I am very sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. I will always remember his smile when passing him in the halls of Mobil Research. May God carry you through this difficult time. Bill Borghard

Bill Borghard - February 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ To a very, dear friend whom we will miss immensely. Our times together will always be remembered and cherished. May you now rest in peace and be reunited with Phyllis.

Don and Linda Mueller - February 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. We hope in our time of sorrow and loss, our love is here for you. A very loving father and grandfather will be sorely missed over the years. But there are many good memories to recall. He was taken too soon, but leaves many memories. Our love and hugs to all.

Florence H. Griffith - February 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ I am so sorry to hear that Wayne has passed. He was my "better half" in a particle accelerator science project that included a working van der Graff generator and an electron detector where we actually "saw" traces of these particles from the generator. I am not surprised that he achieved such high status as a scientist. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. God bless.

George Lutz - February 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KY

“ Dan, I am so sorry for your loss, again. I just wanted to express my deepest sympathy. Take care at this difficult time and see you any way and any where. Love, Kay

Kay Yamakawa - February 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ We wish to express our sympathy for the family with Wayne's passing. We only knew him a short time here at USG, but share this loss with you. Gregarious by nature and intense in outlook, Wayne was always there to talk and to listen. We miss him as a colleague and as a friend.

Terry Rosenstiel - February 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I knew Wayne for about a year through our relationship at Syrgis Chemical. Wayne was well respected and admired. He had a warm personality and we all shall miss him. My deepest sympathy to his family, friends and associates.

Richard Schwarz - February 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ Dear Dan: I am so sorry to hear that you father passed away. I just wanted to express my deepest sympathy and may God bless. Please take care at this difficult time. Love, Joshua

Joshua Zhang - February 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ On behalf of the employees of Syrgis and our board and investors, there is an outpouring of sympathy, condolences, thoughts and prayers for Wayne's family and friends. Wayne was a great man and inspired us in many ways. In a very short time he left a very positive mark on our business and built strong relationships with many of us at Syrgis. He was a good man, good friend and highly respected colleague and has left a very positive legacy. Please take comfort knowing Wayne is reunited with Phyllis. God works in unique and wonderful ways and Wayne was called Home, not to delay their separation any further. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you through this time. Andy Harris CEO, Syrgis

Andy Harris - February 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Thinking and praying for you and your family. Robyn

Robyn Bollenbaugh - February 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Sorry for your loss. Wayne and I had good times at Mobil, both at work or playing golf. My heart and prayers will be with you. Larry

Larry Green - February 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ To Wayne's family & friends: As a co-founder and a past president of the Association of Laboratory Managers (ALMA), I personally knew and greatly admired Wayne Rohrbaugh. His contributions to ALMA significantly helped to strengthen this organization. He will be exceedingly missed by all of us who knew him and whose lives and skills were improved through his contributions to Laboratory Management. I know that I speak for all my colleagues on the ALMA board that we will sorely miss him and grieve his loss. We wish you sympathy at this sad time, knowing that the world was an improved place due to his life. Respectfully, Tom Lyttle

Tom Lyttle - February 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ You will be missed, Wayne. You were a blessed man with many family and friends.

Jimmy Wooten - February 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ My condolences to the family.

Kevin Wadsworth - February 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ I offer my sincere sympathies to Wayne's family. I reported to Wayne at Ashland for many years. I continue to have a genuine respect and appreciation for his leadership and clear vision of the future. The structure of the group he created more fifteen years ago is still intact in spite of many changes in the broad organization. Only a visionary could have done that. I will be forever grateful for all the good things he did to me and to my career, and I am sure my case is not unique. He will be deeply missed by everyone he touched.

Enio Kumpinsky - February 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Stephanie, Christine, John, and Dan, Our deepest sympathies on the loss of your father. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. We shall not forget him and how he touched our lives. Wendell and Priscilla Ratliff

Priscilla Ratliff - February 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ The entire York Suburban Class of '66 extends it's deepest sympathies to Wayne's family and friends. We may not have always kept in touch but, as a member of the class, Wayne will always be a part of us. Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone.

Michael L. Gwilt - February 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ The only Rohrbaugh I know is son Michael here in Cincinnati, and if Mike is even a remote reflection of his parents, losing his father at such a young age is as incalculable a loss as was his mother for a great many. My deepest sympathies to all now suffering this loss. My thoughts and prayers for all.

Len Mueller - February 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM