



Robert Charles Sharp

May 15, 2010

Robert "Bob" Charles Sharp (1946-2010) Pawleys Island, South Carolina
Born and Raised in Chicago Illinois. Robert departed this life and entered into our Heavenly Father's loving arms on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at Waccamaw Community Hospital in Murrells Inlet, SC with his loving wife of 40 years; Lynette J. Sharp by his side. He fought a courageous battle of Esophageal/liver/and stomach cancer. He was born August 6, 1946, in Chicago, Illinois. He was the son of the late Ralph Robert Sharp, and Helen (nee) Ludwig Sharp. Brother of the late Ralph M. Sharp. He married his high school sweetheart Lynette Wilson Sharp September 20, 1969. He obtained a four-year degree and also received an Honorary Degree from Harvard University. Bob went from being raised in a storefront building on Racine Ave, in Chicago, Illinois to a "High School All Star Baseball Player" to a successful businessman with Wilson Sporting Goods for 25 years. During his career at Wilson, Bob traveled to Asia to open a sourcing office. In 1979, he chose Taiwan as the location for that office. Today, "Wilsport, Taiwan" continues to operate and has a staff of almost 100 people who support Wilson, Atomic, Solomon, & Suunto sourcing needing in the Asia Pacific Region. Bob was Director of International Operations, which included managing three factories, (Golf Clubs in Canada, Tennis Rackets in Galway, Ireland & Golf Clubs in Irvine, Scotland), planning and purchasing inventory for all international markets, and managing Customer Service for the Far East, Latin America, and the U.S. Military businesses. He also implemented the first Trans Atlantic

and Pacific computer system in 1989, before the days of the Internet. This system is known as "The Sharp System" and is currently being used today. He began working with (Quinte Computer Services), to develop computer systems that would be transportable and able to be used anywhere in the world. During that time, business planning and operating systems were designed that are still in use today in Canada, Japan, and the U.S. Bob also worked to develop MRP systems, (Manufacturing Requirements Planning). Bob was one of the first people to recognize how to use minicomputers to support global business during a time when mainframe computing was the holy grail of corporate America. Bob first implemented these systems in Irvine, Scotland, replacing what was then a standard IBM system. As Sr. Vice-President of Manufacturing he was responsible for plants in six states and 3 countries. Included in his responsibilities were the U.S. factories that produce the NFL Football and, at the time, the NBA Basketball, along with Tennis Balls, Golf Ball, Golf Clubs, and clothing in the U.S. and internationally. After 25 years with Wilson, Bob was recruited by the Coleman Company to become the Vice President and General Manager of Coleman's textile operations, which included managing factories in Lake City, South Carolina and Cedar City, Utah. After several years with Coleman he worked at Converse, Inc. as Vice President of North American Manufacturing, including operations in Lumberton, NC, McAllen, TX and Reynosa, Mexico. He then worked at Prince Tennis Rackets where he was in charge of setting up warehousing and distribution in Europe. He lived in Richmond Upon the Thames in England for two years. He thought he would retire, but decided to do some consulting for Smith Optics in Sun Valley, Idaho, where he was in charge of developing and setting up their Operating and Planning Systems with the "Sharp System. He also opened another factory in Utah and re-vamped the entire inventory and manufacturing planning systems. The "Sharp System" which was started at Wilson's Sporting Goods early in his career, has been implemented in Coleman, Converse and Smith Optics and is still being used to date. Bob traveled to most of the continents and countless number of countries putting

him around the world several times. He also lived for several weeks in Germany, Italy, Scotland, and France. "He was a giant of a man who will be sorely missed by many" He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Lynette J. Sharp, a son James Robert Sharp, of Pawleys Island, South Carolina, a daughter Deborahlyn Sharp Wells and a grandson Drake Robert Gene Wells both of Russell, Kentucky, and his Mother-in-Law, LaVerne Wilson of Weeki Wachee, Florida. He is survived by an Aunt and Uncle; Thomas and Charlotte Shestokas, Cousins: Barbara and Richard (fishing Buddy and Golf partner) deVerider of Lemont, Illinois, Brenda and Rodger (golfing buddy) Gadberry of Decatur, Illinois, David Shestokas of Naples, Florida, and Jill and Larry Horist, of Chicago, Illinois, James Kompik, Ginger Clayton, and William Sharp Clayton all of Las Vegas, Nevada. He touched many lives and has made life long friendships with many, many people. There are too many friends, nationally and internationally to mention them individually. All who knew bob had a friend for life. He will be dearly missed by many, never forgotten, and in our heart forever. There will be no public services. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Honor of Robert at St. Jude's children's hospital for pediatric cancer research: http://stj.convio.net/site/TR/Events/Tribute?pg=fund&fr_id=1341&pxfd=26180&JServSessionIdr004=9jqfr5czm1.app244a. Or mail donations to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Robert Sharp Memorial Fund. 65 Crooked Oak Drive, Pawleys Island, South Carolina 29585. An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield-Pawleys Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Bob and I were constant friends in high school. We played baseball every chance we had. Despite long periods apart we could pick up a conversation like we had just seen each other yesterday. Bob was a great friend and a truly memorable person. I'll miss him greatly.##imported-begin##Len Cwiklik##imported-end##

August 30, 2010 at 08:13 PM



“ Mr. Sharp was a very intimidating man, not in a bad way, but in a powerful way. I remember when I was around him how I would always watch what I said because I didn't want to embarrass myself in front of him. He was also an inspiration to me. Sounds funny coming from me, but it took me many years to realize it. The struggles he endured to get to the top alone was a battle, but that wasn't enough, because he had brought his lovely family to the top with him and that stands out more than anything to me. As long as I knew him, his love for Mrs. Lyn, Debbie, and Jimmy did not falter at any time. When I first met him, I didn't know exactly what family was. It took me some years, but I can honestly say that he is one of the biggest reasons that I strive to be the best Dad everyday to my daughters! My heart hurts for your loss, but remember that he is at Gods side, with the both of them looking down on you with a pleasing smile and don't ever forget that just because you can't see them, doesn't mean that you can't talk with them.##imported-begin##Clayton Richardson##imported-end##

June 11, 2010 at 03:59 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies. I really don't know what more to say than that- I am truly speechless. Uncle Bob had so many roles- and was so much to so many. He had such a character and a way of filling up the room. Maybe that is why I have always called him Uncle Bob- even though he is my cousin. I have so many memories with Uncle Bob - from being a little kid running around the house in Naperville, to the many vacations we took to South Carolina, to our most recent trip to the Lake House. I always remember Uncle Bob taking time to get to know me, and, of course, to express his opinions. On our last trip to the lake house we took a dollar bet on who would catch the biggest fish one morning. We all knew- without saying it- how special it was to have the family together. The dollar on my wall triggers those pleasant memories.##imported-begin##Justin Gadberry##imported-end##

June 10, 2010 at 02:47 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies to you Wils and your family. Although these words won't help now, time and the Lord will make things better. The fondest memory I have of Bob is his wonderful smile. It never changed a bit from high school days to our visit a few years ago. May you always keep that vision in your heart. Love,
Barb##imported-begin##Barb and Frank Gromala##imported-end##

June 08, 2010 at 06:07 PM



“ Dear Lynette, Jim, Debbie, Rusty, and Drake, Deepest condolences to all of you, we are still shocked and saddened by the passing of our high school friend. I will always remember Bob's great smile, and laugh. It was a pleasure to be guests at your home with our other Lindblom friends. May God wrap his arms around you and keep you strong with your memories, and friends. Love you.##imported-begin##Sue and Dennis##imported-end##

June 07, 2010 at 02:12 PM



“ Bob was a good friend and a great human being. I enjoyed having Bob as my boss. It is not often that a plant manger has a boss that understands what it takes to make a plant successfull. Bob used to chuckle at amm my hunting adventures. He loved to talk about the Killer Doves. Iw as very fortunate to meet the entire family. Lynnh, Jimmie and debbies; you are in my prayers. Let's stay in touch.##imported-begin##Al Scott##imported-end##

May 31, 2010 at 05:04 PM



“ Bob was a neighbor with a heart of gold. Several years ago there was a terrible storm when we were out of town. Bob saw the wind whip our patio umbrella across the yard and onto the street. He forged into the high winds to save the umbrella, and on his way to our patio noticed that double doors leading into the great room had blown wide open because we failed to deadbolt them. If Bob hadn't been brave that day to go out in 60 mph winds to help us, the torrential rain that came right after he closed those doors would have flooded our home. God bless you, Bob. May you rest in eternal peace and joy. Kathy and Dennis##imported-begin##Dennis and Kathy Sullivan##imported-end##

May 31, 2010 at 04:54 PM



“ Lyn, Debbie, and Jim Martin and I were so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Era Carmichael###imported-begin###Era Carmichael###imported-end##

May 28, 2010 at 03:12 PM



“ I love Bob and your entire family like my own! He was a great man who will be missed ! Your family is in my prayers. Love you all!###imported-begin###Marti Berg###imported-end##

May 28, 2010 at 11:58 AM



“ Our love and our thoughts are with you. Norma and Al Mead###imported-begin###Norma Mead###imported-end##

May 28, 2010 at 09:42 AM



“ My Hurricane Sister, there's just no words to tell you how sad we are that your soul mate of 40 years is now with the Lord. I'm so glad you both had the chance to come to the Keys to see us. Might have been quite a few years ago, but seems like yesterday. Im still serving wine out of your beautiful gift to us of wine glasses. Bruno, who had never met Bob before liked him immediately!! I mean, who wouldn't!! A Great Guy!!!! So we are both deeply saddened at his sudden passing. We raise a (wine) glass to you both!! We also pray for support from the Lord to help you and your family get through this rough time. And as always, send much love, Henkel & BruXXOO###imported-begin###sue casolari###imported-end##

May 27, 2010 at 09:14 PM



“ Lynn, Jimmy and Debbie, I am so sorry to hear about Bob(Mr. Sharp to me). I have many great memories of watching him play softball with my father, listening to Barry Manilow with the kids on your 8-track player and eating Bob's peanut butter cookies(or so the kids always said they were his)while I babysat. I am sure he will be missed by many. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Sue Ditmars Irle##imported-begin##Sue Ditmars Irle##imported-end##

May 26, 2010 at 10:54 PM



“ We were both so sad to hear about the loss of Bob. He will be missed as a good friend and wonderful neighbor. What great times we had as Hunter's Woods settlers! We send love and hugs to Lyn, Debbie and Jim from all of the Ditmars' family.##imported-begin##Judy and Jack Ditmars##imported-end##

May 26, 2010 at 09:17 PM



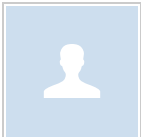
“ God's Blessing from another old "Coleman" guy.##imported-begin##Milton G. Gessert##imported-end##

May 26, 2010 at 03:48 PM



“ It’s no accident Bob should have a last name to so aptly describe his mind. Remarkably, he was able to reinvent himself with dexterity and flexibility at every professional turn, leaving a legacy with all the projects and people he touched along his path. This is a testimony to the warm heart that went with his beautiful mind: Bob was the total package. This rich, full career life would have been hollow without the support and devotion of his wonderful Lynette, with him every step of the way. They enjoyed a close and loving bond through their long marriage, which probably made travel separations challenging. Out of their love they produced a family to continue in their love and traditions for generations to come. Thankfully, the gifts Bob gave in turn gave gifts back to him. Hopefully this can bring some comfort to Lynette, Jim, Debbie and Drake. God bless you all at this sad time. With lots of love, Gene and Bev Bernardo###imported-begin###Bev Berni-Bernardo###imported-end##

May 26, 2010 at 01:35 PM



“ As one of the bridesmaids at Bob and Lynette's wedding, I truly witnessed a marriage and abiding love between two "forever" friends, and will always call Bob "My Bestest Man" because he filled the shoes as Best Man in my first wedding. Even though we have lived miles apart for many years, I always have considered Bob as one of my enduring, rocks in my life who I could always contact and "cling" to if need be. Now I want to offer the same to Lynette, Jim and Debbie, my godchild, as they enter this new phase of life without him. My love and hugs for all-- Auntie Di (and Mike G who loved Bob's company on the golf courses and pinochle table on that wonderful cruise we all took together back in 1989 (?) could it really be 20 years ago?###imported-begin###Diane Gradassi###imported-end##

May 26, 2010 at 11:35 AM



“ My heart is very heavy as Bob was a very special high school friend. Bob and Lynette were my only matchmaking success story....and what a story it was! I also used Bob's car to take my driver's license test at 16 years old. He always had us laughing. I grieve very much for Lynette, another very dear friend and fellow "sister". May Bob rest in peace.##imported-begin##Pat Navarro Hortze##imported-end##

May 26, 2010 at 11:25 AM



“ Mr. Sharp never complained when I practically moved into his home my freshman/sophomore years in college. He was such a big teddy bear of a man and I will miss him dearly.##imported-begin##Danielle Pirkle##imported-end##

May 26, 2010 at 09:55 AM



“ Growing up, Bob was always larger than life. I mostly knew him through the stories my mother and grandmother told. However, my mother had a way of keeping him human, at least in my eyes. As the oldest cousin, she often baby sat Bob and his older brother Ralph when they were young. "They were driving me crazy running around," she said. "I suddenly got the idea to play 'cowboys and Indians'. I captured them and tied them to a chair! Problem solved! I got some peace and they thought it was part of the game!" She laughed, "Took them years to figure out what I had done to them." Whenever someone mentions my mother and Bob in the same conversation, that story took new life and only got better as each moved further into adulthood. He was after all one of my mother's favorites! When she passed some years ago, he made a point to reach out to me and my brother. That one simple gesture meant so much, and for that he will always hold a very special place in my heart, and indeed, be larger than life. Rest well, cousin. PS Watch out for my mother, she may still have that rope!##imported-begin##Ginger Clayton##imported-end##

May 25, 2010 at 09:35 PM



“ Many owe Bob a lot – none more than me, both for helping me in my business career, but more importantly for being such a good friend. Bob never wavered in his pursuit for what he believed was right. No one could question his loyalty to the company that was fortunate enough to have him take on tough projects for them. No one can ever accuse Bob of taking the easy road for his personal benefit. He was such a strong personality. I have had many meetings and meals with Bob, and cannot remember a time when the conversation did not flow though him. He was a true leader. If you didn't or couldn't follow, you had to “get off the bus”. I've never known another person like him, and never will again. I'm privileged to have known and worked with him.##imported-begin##Jim Moore##imported-end##

May 25, 2010 at 08:07 PM



“ My Dad was and always will be a wonderful man. There were many times my dad and I didn't get along. Mom and dad always said that if they ever divorced no one would want me because dad couldn't live with himself and mom would feel like she was still married. with that being said, my dad will always be in my heart and the memories we have made I will always treasure. He may be gone physically, but in my heart forever he will stay! Love and miss you Daddy!##imported-begin##Debbie Wells##imported-end##

May 23, 2010 at 04:32 PM



“ Bob was a great man and will be missed deeply. My prayers go out to everyone who knew and loved him, especially his wife, son, daughter, and grandson.##imported-begin##Courtney Deirfield##imported-end##

May 22, 2010 at 05:30 PM