

In Memoriam

Mike Stineman

Mike Stineman, 64, of Citation Homes died December 2, 2008 after a year-long battle with leukemia. Stineman, former owner of Citation Homes in Spirit Lake, IA, was active in the Iowa Truss Manufacturers Association (ITMA). A graduate of Iowa State University, he married Barbara McMahon in 1965. The family moved to Spirit Lake, IA, in 1974, where Mike became Controller at Citation Homes and then served as President/CEO until early 2008.

"He was one of the original supporters of ITMA," said chapter president Tom Lambertz. Because of his location, Mike had to travel the farthest to get to ITMA meetings, said Lambertz. "But he always made the drive."

Roger Gibbs said Mike was one of the manufacturers who jumped right on board when ITMA was formed. "He felt very strongly about being involved in an organization that would bring the group together," he said.

He served on the ITMA Board for a number of years, on various committees and as secretary/treasurer for a number of terms. Fellow chapter member Ray Noonan said Mike was always willing to help. "When Cascade burned in 1997, Mike picked up my duties as secretary/treasurer until I could get the company back on its feet," he remembered.

Lambertz recalled that Mike was a good businessman and a strong supporter of the component industry. Noonan said he envied Citation's ability to retain long-time customers. "Mike had multi-generational customers—that's just the kind of business he ran," he said.

Several years ago, ITMA hosted a golf outing near Citation Homes. "We thought instead of him traveling to us, we'd bring the event to him this time," said Lambertz, noting Mike also welcomed the chapter to his plant for a tour.

Early in 2008, Mike made the difficult decision to close his business. Lambertz said it was tough on Mike. "He had a real spot in his heart for his employees, so I think it was hard for him."

In addition to his involvement in ITMA, Mike served as president of the Rotary Club and the Iowa Lumberman's Association. He also enjoyed being a grandpa, cooking, I.S.U. and Steelers sports, current events, annual Canadian fishing trips and weekly lunches with his friends, boating, and traveling with Barb.

Stineman was remembered at a memorial service on December 5 at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake. Memorials may be directed to the family for the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge in Rochester, MN, and the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church. As a celebration of Mike's life, his family asks that those who treasure him donate blood at their local blood banking service. **SBC**

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