

INDUCTEE

Victor (Vic) W. Wolfe

Graduated1971

MarriedBecky Kennedy

Children.Wes, Michelle, Zach

Resides.Gahanna, Ohio

While in high school, Vic was involved in many activities, most notably athletics, earning five letters in two sports (basketball and baseball). His enthusiasm and hard work earned him a spot on the all-conference basketball team and his love of the sport carried through into his college years at Capital University. There again he received varsity letter recognition (three in each baseball and basketball). He was basketball team captain, earning all-conference honors in both his junior and senior years. His basketball coach Vincent Chickerella says of Vic, "Through hard work, a competitive drive, a team spirit, and a mind set to become a success, he became a mainstay in perhaps the greatest era of Capital University basketball."

The determination, drive, and team spirit with which Vic approached his participation in sports carried through to his lifetime work. In high school he had been a part of civic-minded projects as a member of Key Club and Varsity L. So in 1975 with a degree in business management and marketing from Capital University, he began a career in a community centered life.

Even his career choice, insurance, was evidence of his dedication to serve other people. Beginning as a claims adjuster, Vic joined the Ohio Insurance Advisor agency in 1981, which he purchased just ten years later and has built into one of the most successful and respected independent insurance agencies in the state. He is a member of the Professional Insurance Agents Association and the Independent Insurance Agents of Ohio. Of Vic, client and friend Mark Shaw has said, "Timeliness, accuracy, integrity, and reassurance are characteristics that we all expect in our business relationships but don't always receive. With Vic, it is a constant."

Referencing Vic's experiences of growing his business, Gary Kitzmiller, friend, client, and teammate says, "Vic never lost sight of the need to serve others, whether it is through the church, civic, and service organizations or charitable causes." Vic has coached numerous youth teams in Gahanna, worked tirelessly with GLHS Boosters, and served as a member of Rotary Club of Gahanna (past director). He is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Central Ohio Arthritis Foundation and is a director of Benchmark Bank, a director and officer of the Gahanna Lincoln Athletic Hall of Fame, and a member of the Capital University President's Club.

Vic is also a lifetime member of the Peace Lutheran Church and as Lead Pastor Kai Nilsen notes, Vic has been "consistently generous in...commitment to and support of the ministry of Peace.... serving in educational ministry...and in leadership roles."

Business associate and friend Mark Humrichouser says, "Through all the years, some things about Vic have never changed...He is proud to be a Gahanna native. The fact he returned to Gahanna to raise his family and relocate the business he bought is testimony to that fact."