

Robert Allen Huebner

November 3, 1954 - January 16, 2011

Robert “Bob” Huebner, president of U.S. Coexcell, Inc., in Maumee, Ohio, died suddenly of heart complications Jan. 16, 2011 in Portland, Oregon, where he was attending a business expo and conference. He was 56. To his family, co-workers and many friends, Bob, who stood 6 feet, 7 inches tall, was the oak, towering above everyone else not only physically but possessing the fortitude and charisma of a natural born leader. His unexpected death is a reminder of how fleeting life can be and how every day should be lived to the fullest, something Bob certainly did. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, son, and brother; an astute businessman; an exceptional athlete; and a dear friend. Whatever the endeavor, if Bob decided that he was committed, he was all in with a passion and determination to succeed few could match.

Born on Nov. 3, 1954, Bob grew up in West Toledo, attended Monac Elementary School and graduated from Whitmer High School [’72], where he starred on the basketball team. His senior year, he was named first team in the former Great Lakes League, a feat he cherished.

Bob earned a scholarship to Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, where he continued his success in basketball and completed a degree in accounting. Following graduation, in 1976, Bob returned to Toledo and joined the auditing department at Owens-Illinois, Inc. In 1978, he was asked to direct the company’s plastic drum division, where he remained for 15 years. During this time, he earned an MBA from the University of Toledo.

In 1993, Bob and Harley Cramer, a co-worker from O-I, founded their own plastic drum business in Arrowhead Park, which they named U.S. Coexcell. Bob's energy level was such that while U.S. Coexcell was growing, he became president of VITEC, a Detroit automotive fuel systems supplier. He remained at VITEC for 10 years, commuting to Detroit, while continuing to manage U.S. Coexcell.

Beginning in 2005, Bob directed his business efforts entirely on U.S. Coexcell. With his aggressive approach to sales and marketing and an ability to secure niche markets, the company prospered.

Mr. Huebner was vice president of the Chemical Allied Industries of Northwest Ohio. In 2007, Mr. Huebner was inducted into the Entrepreneurial & Business Excellence Hall of Fame.

Bob remained active in sports throughout his life. In his 20s, he played federation basketball with some of the city's best players. He was an ardent supporter of the UT basketball team, and he loved the Detroit Tigers.

Bob was an excellent golfer and long-standing member of Toledo Country Club. He had three holes-in-one, including two in 2010. But the one he treasured most happened in April, 2008, on No. 17 at Toledo Country Club with his son, Jake, playing alongside. A note to his son inscribed on the trophy holding the ball reads: "My best playing partner in the world."

First and foremost, Bob was a family man. He was married on Jan. 28, 1989 to Renee (Morrin) celebrating 22 wonderful years. He coached his children's sports teams. He loved to host family dinners, especially when he manned the grill, a favorite hobby. Bob enjoyed boating with family and friends, cruising up the Maumee River, and fishing in Lake Erie.

Bob was often teased for his meticulous nature, yet it was his quest for perfection that helped him succeed in everything he did. But he was not all business. He loved pranks, possessed a mischievous laugh, and had a wicked sense of humor that was perhaps best typified by the name of his boat: "Bob-n-This."

Surviving are his wife, Renee; sons, Jeremy [Austin-Nichole] Huebner and

Jake Huebner; daughter, Rachel Leathers; grandson, Jayce Leathers; granddaughter, Scarlett Rose Huebner; parents, Roy and Virginia Huebner; brother, Steve [Eileen] Huebner; mother-in-law, Eloise Morrin; brother-in-law, Ron [Tracy] Morrin; sister-in-laws, Linda [Paul] Wickenheiser and Michele [Leon] LaPointe; and dearly loved nephews and nieces.

Visitation will be held Friday, Jan. 28, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., with a sharing of memories at 8 p.m. A celebration of life service in Bob's honor is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 2255 Central Grove Ave., where the family will receive friends at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Bob's memory to St. John's Jesuit High School or Wittenberg University.

Tribute Wall



“ Our deepest condolences to Bob's family for your loss. Bob was the first person that I made friends with when I went from St. Clements to Washington Jr.H.S., the first class I had was P.E. and I was nervous and he was lockered right next to me, this tall skinny kid acted like we were freinds, and I thought this might not be such a bad deal.Thanks###imported-begin###Daniel & Carolyn Bell & Family nevadaboone@sbcglobal.net###imported-end##

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“ Renee - We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We miss you very much and hope to see you soon. You are still as beautiful as ever and you have a lovely family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jim,Cheryl Jenny, Chelsea and Justin Smith###imported-begin###JIM AND CHERYL SMITH CLS@CASS.NET###imported-end##

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“ Renee and family, our sincerest condolences for your loss. Bob was an all-around great person with a magnetic personality. We will all miss his quick wit and fun-loving spirit

Please know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Gayle & Gary Eversole gayleeversole@gmail.com###imported-end##

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“ I am thinking of you and your family and am so sorry for your loss. Cheryl Goss (Austin-Nicole's aunt)##imported-begin##Cheryl Goss##imported-end##

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“ All of us at ISP wish to express our deepest sympathy to Bob's family and his associates at US Coexcell. He will truly be missed.##imported-begin##A. Mokhtari at ISP##imported-end##

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“ Renee and Family,
Please accept our sincerest condolences in your loss of Bob. Last spring I was able to reconnect with Bob on several occassion and really enjoyed our conversations. He was so excited about his family, his work, about life. He was full of passion. It was great to talk to him. What a great loss to so many. We are thinking of you. Larry and Mary Hunter##imported-begin##Larry Hunter hunter@email.wcu.edu##imported-end##

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“ To this entire family, we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you. Take comfort in all your memories. Find strength in one another.##imported-begin##Loreeta##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Renee, children, grandchild, parents and extended family. Bob will truly be missed. I remember him at Wittenberg as a great friend of my brother Greg. As their friendship continued through the years I got to know Bob as a successful businessman and wonderful person who enjoyed life and lived it fully.

He was a great friend to my brother, who I'm sure was waiting for Bob at St. Peter's gates with a set of golf clubs.

Bob is truly one of those wonderful people who is loved dearly and will be missed by many. Myself, I will miss the stories he always told about him and Greg at the golf memorial in August and I will miss seeing Bob because I always saw some of my brother in him.

Rest in Peace

Tom Shannon##imported-begin##Thomas Shannon & Family tklae shannon@comcast.net##imported-end##

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“ Enjoyed working with Bob. My condolences to the family. I cannot imagine how difficult this must be. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Joe Elliff jelliff@ispcorp.com##imported-end##

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“ Renee, you are yours are in our thoughts and prayers.
Aunt Marie & Steve##imported-begin##Marie Morrin mimimorrin@cox.net##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Bob's family and his associates at US Coexcell. I have only gotten to know Bob over the last year as US Coexcell has become one of my clients. He made a deep impression on me from the start and I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to experience his leadership skills first hand. I will miss him like a life long friend.##imported-begin##Tom Blackstock tom.blackstock@gmail.com##imported-end##

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“ My deepest condolence to the Huebner family. I pray God to give the family strength to bear the loss. I knew Bob when I was working with AZ Electronic Materials. He was a gentleman. I will miss his humor and kind nature. Regards, Jitu Balar##imported-begin##Jitu Balar jitu.balar@gmail.com##imported-end##

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“ All of us at Santa Fe Ingredients wish to express our gratitude for having worked with Bob over the past several years. He was a joy to work with and we regret deeply that his time with us was tragically cut short. Our best wishes go to his family and friends in celebrating Bob's life and moving forward with their cherished memories of him.##imported-begin##James Gill##imported-end##

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“ I have known Bob since 1995 and I can not find the words to describe what a wonderful person he was. I deep sorry for his loss. He will be truly missed.

John & Evelyn Feller###imported-begin##John Feller j.feller@contac
tonepackaging.com###imported-end##

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“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to all of Bob's family. Bob lived life fully---something we all should aspire to.

With deep sympathy,
Terri and Dave###imported-begin##Terri Crestani & Dave
Kozy###imported-end##

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of Robert. I met him at Matt and Sarahs wedding. He was a very nice gentleman.###imported-begin##Michael "Moose"###imported-end##

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“ Renee,

I am so sorry for your loss. I was stunned when I heard the news. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers.

Barry###imported-begin##Barry Kinsey
bkinsey@monroecc.edu###imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts are with you Renee and your entire family. As members of the VITEC team, we had the amazing pleasure of enjoying his personality, laughter and love of life. Even though he moved on from the VITEC group over 6 years ago, his memory lives on as we often reminisce about the "old times" with the "gang".....**##imported-begin##Jennifer and Jeffrey Owens##imported-end##**

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“ Bob lived across the street from us on River Road in the '80's & next door to my parents. Never thought then that he would be my sister Eileen's brother-in-law. Eileen spoke highly of Bob and his family, told me how much she enjoyed the Huebner family gatherings. We wish to express our deepest sympathy.**##imported-begin##Nora and Fred Daler nmd419@sbcglobal.net##imported-end##**

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“ Renee & Family,
My heart hurts for you all during this difficult time. My deepest sympathies are not going to ever be enough, but please know you all are in my heart today and days ahead.

Love, Kim**##imported-begin##Kimberly Hetherington kimi1965325@gmail.com##imported-end##**

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“ My mother lived across the street from Bob and his family for many years. It was evident that he was a devoted father and husband....truly an exceptional man. My sincere condolences to Renee, Jake and the rest of his loving family. May your many happy memories bring you much comfort and peace in the weeks and months ahead.##imported-begin##Betsey Ingram Capotosto berries_75@yahoo.com##imported-end##

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“ We lived 2 houses east of you on Briarcrest from 1964 to 1976. Bob was one year older than my oldest daughter. I remember him as a very good basketball player and an exceptional kind and courteous young man.

You need to know that the loving arms of our Lord will comfort all of you during these hard days.##imported-begin##Jackie Mattison Rahrig##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers goes out to the family. Bob was more than a cousin to me, he was like a brother I looked up to. He always looked at the positive side of things and loved to have fun. Bob will always be in my heart.

Chuck##imported-begin##Chuck Martin chuck591@vzw.blackberry.net##imported-end##

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“ *What can we say at a time like this? No words exist. Bob has moved from our sides and into our hearts. There he will remain forever.##imported-begin##Patrick and Melanie Leckler##imported-end##*

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“ *We are shocked and saddened to hear of your sudden and untimely loss. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Steve and Judy Wagner##imported-end##*

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“ *So sorry for your loss of Bob, he will be so missed by all who knew him. So glad everyone was able to be together at Christmas. What great memories. Your family is in our prayers.##imported-begin##Connie and Dale Happy happyfarms4@hotmail.com##imported-end##*

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“ *My sincere condolences. I went to high school with Bob, and always thought well of him.##imported-begin##Patty Sirman Levering##imported-end##*

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“ I knew Bob from elementary school, high school, and will always remember his contagious smile and energizing personality. I pray your cherished memories will be of some comfort.##imported-begin##Lyn Foley Ratliff##imported-end##

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“ Renee,

My sincere love and prayers to you at this time. Cathy :)##imported-begin##Cathy Trimble##imported-end##

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“ Dear Cuz,

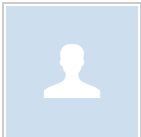
I was so sorry to hear of Bob's sudden passing from my Mom. Though I only met him once - 20 + years ago no less - he made a lasting impression! He welcomed me and my children, after we went to visit Aunt Al, with open arms and played outside with them for the longest time - anyone who can make friends with 3 rambunctious children like that at first meeting is pretty special! I remember his infectious smile and easy going way. It was very clear to me how happy you two were together and I was so happy for you! We all know life is fleeting but when such a life as Bob's is cut short - it is so hard to make sense of it. I know you are a strong woman, as all of the women in our families are and I have faith that you will go on and you will thrive. You will continue to be a wife and mother as you have for 22 years. You still have the love of a wonderful man and loving family and friends - myself included. If you would like to reach out sometime - I would love to hear from you. I will pray for you, your family and his. I love you Renee and I am truly so sorry for your loss...Terri##imported-begin##Terri Cousino Loope tloope@gmail.com##imported-end##

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“ Renee and family- I am sure the past year was a difficult one for all of you with the loss of Bob. I just found out about Bob's passing via my old roommate from Witt, Jim Pytlik. I would like to share one of my fondest memories with you and your family. During our freshman year, Bob, Greg S., Pyt and "Big O" and I all were on the basketball team. We were all over 6'5" tall. Somebody had the idea for a getaway weekend to OSU. Well the only one with a car was Bobbie. (a light blue VW bug) Well we all crammed into it and made the 30+ minute drive to Columbus. I can't begin to tell you how claustrophobic, cramped and stir crazy we were as we pulled into Columbus. We were hanging out of the windows begging to get let out gasping for air and Bob and Greg in the front seats were laughing so hard they finally had to pull over and let us out before we began a mutiny. I left after my freshman year and transfered to Akron. I still have a fondness for all of the players, coaches and traditions that were instilled in that first year of college. Please accept my belated and sincere sympathy for your loss- He was a great guy.##imported-begin##Butch Baer
hbaerjr@yahoo.com##imported-end##

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“ My heart goes out to the Huebner family. Playing basketball with Bob at Wittenberg I came to know Bob well. We had a blast. I remember 5 of us loading up the VW bug and driving to OSU, all over 6'4" laughing all the way. Bob set the standard for hard work but always had time to enjoy friends and share a smile.##imported-begin##James Pytlik jimpytlik@aol.com##imported-end##

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