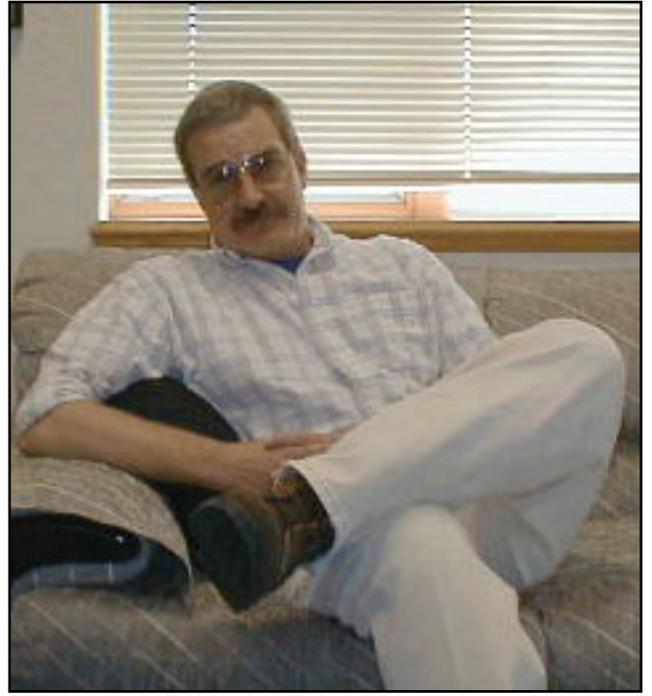


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## In Memoriam



### PHIL LUNEACK

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Surrounded by his family, Phil Luneack of Alma, Michigan died peacefully on November 23, 2004 at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Phil was just 53 years old.

Phil was part-owner of Bear Truss in St. Louis, Michigan along with his father Ken and brother Paul. Phil also served as the President of the Michigan Chapter of the WTCA for the past five years where he was instrumental in working with the Michigan Director of the Bureau of Construction Codes and Fire Safety, various building officials, and industry professionals in developing a uniform interpretation to the recently adopted Michigan Building and Residential Codes.

Phil was also very active in his community serving as elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Alma, district chairman for the Lake Huron Area Boy Scouts, treasurer of Central Michigan Youth for Christ, an Alma School Board trustee, a member of the Alma City Planning Commission, a member of the Theta Chi fraternity and a dedicated worker for the Mid-Michigan Citizens for Change.

Just a few of the comments from those closest to Phil include: "He was the kind of citizen you really hate to lose. He was extremely kind, creative, magnanimous and very generous. Everything Phil did, he did with kindness and compassion. He was a guy that was nice to be

around, always upbeat. Phil was a vibrant board member, driven by a commitment to the causes he loved. Those close to him will remember his steadfastness and his humor, even in difficult times and be inspired to fight for the things that matter. I never heard him say a bad word about anyone. You just couldn't ask for a nicer guy.”

Phil really enjoyed flying, spending time at his cabin in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, and discussing politics and religion. He approached all his activities with great passion and commitment. He especially took great delight in spending time with his wife and lifelong partner Linda and their children.

The Luneack family has set up a memorial fund and those wishing to plan an expression of sympathy may send their donations to:

Phillip Luneack Memorial Fund  
P.O. Box 239  
St. Louis, MI 48880

“I was drawn to Phil’s jovial laughter...although he was clearly at the top of Michigan’s truss industry, he instantly made me feel welcome and at ease. If ever one person magnified the value and importance of industry friendships and the fact that every one of us matters, it was Phil.”—Gary Niemela, Skandia Truss

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