



IN MEMORY OF Robert E. "Bob" Gaskins - Raleigh, NC: Vice President of TMEII and President of The Vision Team ,his own company.

My long time friend and business partner, Robert E."Bob" Gaskins passed away peacefully on February 6, 2015 with all of his family by his bedside. For those of you that knew Bob, you saw a man with a positive commitment to maintenance, life, his family and his faith. Bob shared his faith by being a doer of good deeds for others. For example one day Bob showed up at my home with a nice handle that he installed in our bathroom so that my 101 year old mother-in-law could pull herself up much easier.

Bob and I worked our first jobs together in 1971 on the Corporate Staff at Collins and Aikman Inc. (C &A) in Charlotte, NC; a multi plant textile company. I had just returned from Vietnam and Bob had finished at the University of South Carolina. Later I moved back to Raleigh, NC to help start-up a new Productivity Management group within the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and Bob followed shortly thereafter. First Bob left NCDOT for the private sector as I did so in 1980. We stayed friends all those years in between until I started The Maintenance Excellence Institute in 2001 when he began to help grow the business. He became a great business partner and even stronger friend. He was someone that could give great constructive criticism with a smile. He would give honest answers to strange ideas I might have at times.

Bob was one who always tried to "work smarter and not harder". He spread this philosophy during his work across C & A in the private sector as well as within NCDOT with his cost improvement work there. Bob became a friend to all he met during his work career.

Bob was "medical miracle" due to his many medical procedures he had during his lifetime; addressing all with a positive attitude. Bob is still with us now as a fond memory of a life lived to its fullest. Death is the journey we all will make and is both a time of remembrance and celebration.

The Celebration of Bob Gaskin's Life will be on February 15, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the North Raleigh United Methodist Church, 8501 Honeycutt Road, Raleigh, NC 27615. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in his name to the North Raleigh United Methodist Church or the American Liver Foundation, 39 Broadway, Suite 2700 New York, NY 10006.