



Vincent James Cilimberg Jr.

September 14, 1925 - January 31, 2023

Vincent James Cilimberg, Jr., age 97, passed away peacefully on January 31, 2023, at Showalter Assisted Living in Blacksburg, VA. He was born on September 14, 1925, in Richmond, VA to Vincent James and Alma Ahern Cilimberg.

Vince is preceded in death by his wife of 41 years Virginia Gammon Cilimberg, brother Ramon Cilimberg, and sister-in-law Constance Ware. He is survived by his children Vincent Wayne Cilimberg (Lee) of Crozet, VA; Michael Craig Cilimberg (Jill) of Tuscaloosa, AL; Diane Cilimberg Frizzell (Rick) of Blacksburg and grandchildren Justin Cilimberg (Cat) of Thornton, CO; Jared Cilimberg (Kristyn) of Charlottesville, VA; Michael Cilimberg (Kacey) of Vestavia Hills, AL; Matthew Cilimberg of Atlanta GA and Lauren Bolte (Taylor) and Kelly Frizzell, both of Blacksburg. Great-grandchildren Noah and Harper survives him, and several nieces and nephews survive him.

Vincent married Virginia on August 27, 1949, in Richmond. She was the love of his life, passing away on August 29, 1990. He served honorably in both the Navy and the Army from 1942 to 1946 - participating proudly in the Battle of the Bulge – before returning to

civilian life and attending college. In 1950, he graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a Bachelor of Science in Light Building Construction.

He practiced architecture, culminating as a Partner in Marcellus Wright Cox Cilimberg & Ladd in Richmond before he began his second career as Professor of Building Construction at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg where he served twice as Program Chairman before retiring after 19 years there.

Vince actively participated in the communities he was part of, serving as Deacon and Elder with Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Richmond; as a member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA); and serving on and chairing various boards including Three Chopt Recreation Club and James River Aquatic League in Richmond, and the Hokie Club, Blacksburg Sports Club and various academic and athletic committees associated with the University in Blacksburg.

Vince's family was his ultimate joy, a "big tent" for which he had tremendous pride and great caring for all within. He had a particularly strong passion for Virginia Tech and its academic and athletic accomplishments. Vince will be remembered for his faith, perseverance, sense of humor and ultimate optimism, famously living "just one day at a time!"

A celebration-of-life gathering will be held at 1:00 PM on March 25, 2023, at Blue Ridge Church in Christiansburg, VA. In lieu of flowers please consider donations to the Virginia Tech Foundation either for The Hokie Club Scholarship Fund or The Vincent J.

Cilimberg Scholarship in the Department of Building Construction and the Myers-Lawson School of Construction. Special thanks to the nurses and staff at Medi Home Hospice and Showalter Assisted Living, particularly for all the wonderful care they provided in the last several months.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Blue Ridge Church
1655 Roanoke Street
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Vincent James Cilimberg Jr..*



March 23, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *Pat and Karen purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Vincent James Cilimberg Jr..*



Pat and Karen - March 21, 2023 at 07:40 AM



“ *Mr. C was great. So very glad to have had the opportunity to learn from him.*

Kevin R Mitchell - February 15, 2023 at 11:09 PM



“ *1 file added to the album The students of Mr. C*



Edward Carey - February 10, 2023 at 05:39 PM

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“ To the Cilimberg Family. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you and Thank you for sharing this wonderful man’s life with hundreds if not thousands of Hokies and others. Like many who admired him, he was a mentor, a coach, an advisor and like a second father to me while attending Va. Tech. My heartfelt sympathy to his children, his grandchildren and his great grandchildren.

Over the past few years, I was always afraid to ask if he was still with us, especially knowing he would be well into his 90’s. Ironically, just today I happened to ask a long-time professor at Tech as to his status. The response was hard on me finding out he passed just 11 short days ago.

I am sure we will meet again Mr. C. Thank you Vincent James Cilimberg Jr. for being a Shining Star in my life!

“A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again.” — Maya Angelou

*Edward J Carey
BC '80*

Edward Carey - February 10, 2023 at 05:21 PM



“ Plans and Specs! You had a choice, you could listen or learn! And if you didn’t listen to Vince you learned the hard way! He was the epitome of Integrity. He was the perfect person to teach building construction. I wonder if he had any idea how big of an impact he made to the Building Construction industry? He is in everything I do! Vince Cilimberg is the G.O.A.T “Let Go Hokies”

Patrick Thomas - February 10, 2023 at 05:15 PM

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“ I was Vincent's chaplain and never met a more delightful human being. We had the most stimulating, authentic conversations. He treated me like family. I will miss his brilliant mind, radiant smile, infectious laughter and his "dissertations." Vincent, I will hold you in my heart...till we meet again!

Mike

Michael Neuse - February 10, 2023 at 10:16 AM

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“ I was just contacted about “Mr. C” and his passing. This man had such a positive impact on my life - he stayed in constant contact with me when I left VT for a period of time to take care of some personal issues. I was seriously contemplating leaving school without my degree and he kept me from making the wrong decision. I owe a LOT of my career / life success to Mr. C The world lost a great man and Hokie - I am sad - I love you Mr. C!
I wish I could tell him that face to face.
RIP you special guy!

Brent Helmandollar - February 09, 2023 at 07:35 PM