



Wolter Fabrycky

December 6, 1932 - November 6, 2024

Wolter Fabrycky, beloved patriarch of the Fabrycky family, distinguished scholar and visionary in the field of systems engineering, passed away at home surrounded by family on November 6, 2024, at the age of 91.

Born on December 6, 1932, and growing up in New York and Arkansas, Wolter cherished his parents, Louis and Stephanie, as well as his four younger siblings. He took great pride in preserving and upholding the values of love and commitment displayed to him as a young child. Wolter found great joy in his wife Luba he married in 1954, their children Kathryn and David they raised in Blacksburg, and grandchildren Stephanie and Jonathan, often sharing stories and lessons that reflected his deep dedication to family and togetherness. Over a half-century making his family's home in Blacksburg, he also became a supportive and generous friend to many in the community. He leaves behind a legacy of education and arts funding for future generations.

Wolter dedicated his professional life to advancing the discipline of systems engineering, influencing countless students and professionals through his innovative research and teachings. He received his BS in 1957 from Wichita State University and his Industrial Engineering MS in 1958 from the University of Arkansas. In 1962 Fabrycky received his PhD in engineering from Oklahoma State University. A beloved professor at Virginia Tech from 1965, he became Lawrence Professor of Industrial & Systems Engineering; and

later, Dean of Research. He was known for his passion for education and his commitment to fostering a supportive learning environment of high standards, and as an author of some two dozen textbook editions. Wolter's contributions to the field were recognized through numerous awards and leadership in honor societies, and his legacy will continue to inspire future generations of engineers. He was both founder and chair of Omega Alpha, the International Systems Engineering Honor Society.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife Luba, his daughter Kathryn, and his siblings Elizabeth and Jonathan. He is survived by his siblings Virginia and Alan, his son David, his grandchildren Jonathan and Stephanie, and 5 great grandchildren. His family, along with the many others whose lives he touched, will remember him not only for his professional achievements but also for his warmth and dedication to those he loved.

The family welcomes members of the community to a visitation and viewing at McCoy Funeral Home on Friday, November 15 at 5:00-7:00 p.m.; and to a memorial service on Saturday, November 16 at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Blacksburg.

Cemetery Details

Fabrycky Family Cemetery

3900 McCoy Road
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
2101 Shadow Lake Rd
Blacksburg, VA 24060-2048

Graveside Service

NOV **16**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Fabrycky Family Cemetery
3900 McCoy Road
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Dear David, So sorry to hear of your dad’s passing. Glad he lived a good and full life. My mom was the same age when she passed. My mom adored your mom Luba, and they were great friends for many years. I saw her more than your dad, I wish I had gotten to know your dad better. Didn’t realize he had received his Phd from Oklahoma State University. My dad got his doctorate from there and Ron & I were born in Stillwater while he was in school. I always referred to your family as our backwoods neighbor’s as our houses were back to back separated by the woods. Wish we had hung out more in our younger years. Saw a lot of Kathy and was surprised and saddened when she died so young. I know it must be hard being the only surviving member of your family. I wish you a long and happy, healthy, joyful life he on. I enjoyed the times we were able to meet and have a meal, learn a little more about you and your accomplishments. Got a notice about the service too late to attend. Glad my twin made it to the service and represented our family. Melody will be in next Friday for the Celebration of Life for Mrs Meacham. I think you’ll remember Suzy and Vernon. Again, my deepest condolences to you and extended family on your loss. Feel free to reach out if you are ever up this way and have time to meet. Sincerely, Don Marlowe



Don Marlowe - November 21, 2024 at 11:43 AM

RC

“ Sorry to read about Dr. Fabrycky’s demise. My husband was a doctoral student at Va Tech in early 1970’s and Dr. Fabrycky was on his committee and a faculty advisor. He was a brilliant professor and will be remembered for his incredible guidance to his students in the ISE department. Our sincere sympathies to his son and family. May he RIP.

Ranji Chachra - November 16, 2024 at 02:31 PM

TG

“ I have so many fond memories of every member of the Fabrycky family Wolter’s daughter Kathryn was my first and best friend when I moved to this area at the age of 14. I spent alot of time through many years at their home and you couldn’t have asked for a better family to spend your time with My thoughts and prayer’s are being uplifted to their family and friends but God has reunited Wolter with his amazing wife Luba and daughter Kathryn What a reunion that had to be They were all loved and will be sadly missed

Tina Grimshaw - November 15, 2024 at 04:30 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wolter Fabrycky.



November 15, 2024 at 08:14 AM

CM

“ Constance M. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Wolter Fabrycky.



Constance M. - November 14, 2024 at 09:45 PM

CM

“ Constance M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wolter Fabrycky.

Constance M. - November 14, 2024 at 09:45 PM

GM

“ The Fabryckys have been our neighbors for 29 years, both being such lovely people. Our little neighborhood will miss him as we miss Luba, but know they are finally reunited with such love.

Gary and Debi McCoy - November 14, 2024 at 09:31 AM

KT

“ Wolter Fabrycky is the reason the Torgersen family moved to Blacksburg. For that, this family is eternally grateful.

Karen Torgersen - November 13, 2024 at 07:28 PM

DK

“ Wolt, Luba and their family were long time friends of Knezevic family. It started with Wolt and mine professional contacts and collaborations from 1987 and then continued with the rest of the Fabrycky family to culminate with deep friendship between Luba and Zana Knezevic (my mother). Friendliness, warmth, precision and welcoming were always present in numerous occasions when we were together in many places in USA and England. Thanks you Wolt for being great colleague and family friend. Lynn and Mirce

Dr Jezdimir Knezevic - November 13, 2024 at 05:32 AM

MG

“ I always enjoyed listening to Wolt share how much he and Luba valued the opportunity to be able to help provide for the family's higher education. So many other great memories. Blessed and thankful to have these cherished memories.



Molly Gimbert - November 12, 2024 at 10:02 PM

GF

“ Gimbert Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Wolter Fabrycky.



Gimbert Family - November 12, 2024 at 09:46 PM

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