



Beverly E. Steadman (Bev)  
Picture from December 2, 1985 Blastoff

I remember Beverly E. Steadman as a:

- Loving and caring family man
- Dedicated Lockheed employee
- Trusted adviser
- True, loyal, and faithful friend
- Person who took great pride in being a Rotarian and especially being a Charter Member of Space Center Rotary Club

I first met this gentleman when I first joined Rotary and if he was not the first, he was certainly one of the first charter members to greet me and make me feel welcome to Space Center.

In his work with Lockheed, he exhibited the same qualities as he did to us as a Rotarian. He was mild-mannered, very friendly, cared for people, very professional, and always a true gentleman. One of his close associates at Lockheed was Dick Chandler, a former president of our club and at the time general manager of the Lockheed group. Dick said it was always a pleasure working with him. No matter how many people may have worked on a project with this man, he always gave the other person (s) credit for getting the job done.

This man was indeed a loving and caring family man and his actions always tended to show us that. We met his wife, Betty, for the first time, at a Rotary social and we noticed how attentive he was to her every need. It was overheard that it appears they are still on their honeymoon. At most functions, they were the first to arrive and the last to leave. This was so special as they lived on the other side of Houston.

When I was president of the Club, I felt that our friendship flourished. As I, sought advice from this man, I found that he always knew what was going on; he kept up with all the issues of the Club. In addition to being a trusted advisor, I found him to be a motivator, and a true friend. He would usually end our conversations with: "keep up the good work!"

And now back to family. As he learned that I was born in Denver, Colorado, and upon returning from visits with his son in Vail, Colorado, he would relate how much he liked Colorado and what good care his son always took of him. He was so very proud of his son. It was many years later that we learned his son was and still is a world-renowned orthopedic surgeon with his office in Vail.

He really cared for his daughter and she cared for him. Upon the death of her mother, she was the one who told her dad that he was to come and live with her and he did. When he could no longer drive a car, who was it but her who would drive him to Rotary meetings and functions.

He always took his being a Rotarian and a member of Space Center very seriously. An example of his dedication can be seen by his assuming the leadership of the Shrimporree "red sauce"

committee, which for him became a lifetime commitment. We still use his original recipe for the red sauce. In addition, when they had a problem with the stirring of the sauce in a deep container, he solved the problem by designing and using an elongated motorized stirrer. Before retiring from the job, he knew that he had to teach his replacement for the job and teach Eddie Tarin and his family he did. Since Eddie Tarin, the Rotarian, died, his brother still comes from out of town to work on the red sauce committee.

And teaching their children to be loving and caring was something that this man and his wife did exceptionally well. At the memorial service for his dad, and in a true Steadman tradition, the son invited all the Rotarians there, if ever in Vail, to stop by his office to say hello. And it was only a few days after that same memorial service for her dad that their beloved daughter wrote each Rotarian a lovely and touching thank you note for not only attending the memorial service but for being a friend of her dad.

Yes, we do remember this man as a loving and caring husband, a dedicated Lockheed employee, a trusted advisor; but as a fellow Rotarian and true friend, we will always affectionately remember him as "Bev"!

Yes, Bev Steadman we will remember you!

By Club member Al Lagrani May 4, 2009