Email Memorial Testimonials for Steve Teicher – collected July 2014

Mary Cole: I'm so sorry to hear of Steve Teicher's passing. When I was in Edu Marketing with Dave Ahl and crew, LDP Marketing was next to us up on 5-3. Steve was their engineering manager under product line manager Ed Kramer. He was very helpful on technical matters for us Edu folk. I lost track of him for a few years and we next ran into each other at the same table for our 10 years at DEC anniversary dinner. He offered me the opportunity to be the VLSI-VAX business manager. I watched Steve and others build the Hudson semiconductor facility and learned a tremendous amount. I still remember and continue to use bits of his mentoring advice and have passed them along (in original story form) over the last few years to my favorite nephew. May he rest in peace.

From: Jack Burness [mailto:jack@Byrness.com]
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2014 11:32 PM

I just heard that Steve Teicher has passed away. He died on Saturday after a long bout with Parkinson's Disease.

Steve joined DEC in August of 1969, right after I did (June?). He had a badge number in the very low 8,000's. And he was in the PDP-12 group where I met him (I was in the software group). He developed the Floating Point Processor for the PDP-12, which was a 24 bit processor for it that was actually much faster than the PDP-12 itself. He then was chosen to be with the group which developed the PDP-11, and he ran the PDP-11/05 project. He also worked on the LSI-11, and much later also was instrumental in starting the development of the MicroVax.

I kind of lost track of him for a while, but then I connected with him again at Kubota Pacific Computer in the San Jose area. He was VP of engineering there. And then we was VP of engineering at Real3D in Florida, and then he became a teaching lecturer at UCF (Orlando). I think it was about this time (early to mid 2000's) that he was diagnosed with Parkinson's.

While he achieved many successes later on in life, I guess I always will remember him during the early days of Digital. He accomplished an amazing amount in such a short time. I'll miss him.

So my thoughts go out to his family and friends and coworkers.

From: Gordon Bell <gbell@microsoft.com>

Del and Mark,

Please accept and add my sincerest condolences of Steve's passing.
Like those of us cc'd and who had worked with Steve I also wanted to share a few words--
 Enthusiastic, inquisitive, and productive
  Always happy to be there with him at a project… or even a meeting.
g (DEC#80)

Del and Mark,

Steve was always a most positive and optimistic colleague. My thoughts go to you and Steve's many friends on his passing. This evening I am reminded of his generous assistance to CMU to help integrate LSI-11's into our research multiprocessors and his many contributions to DEC's semiconductor group.

With sincere respect,

Sam Fuller

Del and Mark:

After my Education Marketing group got moved from Nick Mazzarese and the PDP-8 world to Ed Kramer and the LDP world, Steve was the first one to come to our rescue and offer us help, mostly of a technical nature, as none of us in Edu Marketing were techies. Small (read, cheap) computers were especially important to the education market and Steve was a huge help with small configuration PDP-11 machines, especially the new 11/05. Perhaps unwittingly, Steve was also a good buffer between Ed Kramer and me, as we were rarely on the same page, so to speak. Later, when I was working for Dick Clayton, Steve also helped me when we were working on self-contained 8 and 11 designs that looked very much like early personal computers of the late 70s. A great guy!

Dave Ahl

Del and Mark,

I'm so sorry to hear that that Steve is taking his final big trip, surely visiting some of his many friends who have gone before. Del, no one could have a life partner more giving and dedicated than you have been. You're wonderful. And Mark, although I've met you since, I still think of you as that little kid that Steve would bring over to my garden to eat massive quantities of the hottest peppers I could grow. He was so proud of you. Steve was the greatest mentor and role model that anyone could ever have, opening doors through his strong relationships that he had with everyone he worked with. He played a big role in DEC's early success, a computer pioneer with a deep understanding of what made products and companies successful. I look forward to visiting with him again some day.

Bob Armstrong

Del and Mark,

We were quite saddened to hear of Steve's passing. I worked with him on the LSI-11 - first time I wrote any microcode - and I went to him often for technical help. Ellen and I also remember enjoyable evenings at your home. He will be missed.

Richie and Ellen Lary

From Marcia Russell: Steve was my husband John Clarke's boss in Workstations. After John had died, Steve and Del used to call me and we would get together when the made their swing northward the summer months. They never forgot me!!   I in turn stayed connected to her when she was the primary caregiver for Steve.   The magic of DEC is that we were all truly connected and truly supportive of one another.