



Rhall Pope

September 5, 2008

Pope, Rhall E. age 63, of Mpls., died suddenly, while doing what he loved, running around Lake Harriet on Aug. 31, 2008. He was born July 19, 1945 in Pittsburgh, PA. Rhall graduated from Duquesne University and received his Doctorate in Aeronautical Engineering from Purdue. After contributing to the design of the original Space Shuttle, Rhall moved to Mpls. in 1975 to continue his career with Honeywell. Over the years, Rhall also worked at Rosemount Engineering, BF Goodrich Aerospace and began a new career at Smiths Medical in 1998 leading research and development in insulin delivery technology. Of all his professional accomplishments, he was most proud of his contributions to diabetes research. He was a board member of Community Health Charities for ten years, four of which he served as Chairman. Most recently, Rhall served on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Rhall was an avid runner, and completed over 30 marathons throughout the country. He enjoyed following whatever sports were in season, sailing, and listening to Bob Dylan. A man of few words, Rhall will be remembered for his great sense of humor, his insight, and his devotion to his wife and children. Rhall is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Kathy; daughter, Michaela (Paul) Henkelmann; son, Ted; sister, Lenore Pope; brother, Norman Pope; numerous nieces, nephews, other family and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Catherine Pope. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Community Health Charities of MN or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Interment

Lakewood Cemetery. Memorial Mass of Christian Burial 11:00 AM Saturday, with visitation one hour prior to the Mass at the Church of Christ the King, 5029 Zenith Ave S., Mpls. Visitation 5:30-8:30 PM Friday at: Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

Tribute Wall



“ *Happy 65th birthday, Dad. We love you and miss you and think about you every day. Love, Michaela, Ted, and Mom*

~

Michaela Pope,

Chicago, Illinois

Michaela Pope - July 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ As I was approaching the start line of Grandma's marathon on the bus last Saturday, I looked out the window and saw two individuals walking towards the start. I noticed their t-shirts and sadly and very shockingly, saw a picture of Rhall. I didn't know Rhall well, but ran with him occassionally the the NW Running Club several years ago. I always thought he was the nicest man and I enjoyed talking with him. I thought of him during my 26 mile journey that day and he inspired me to finish. I'm sure he's running his personal best in Heaven. I'm very sorry for your loss.

~

Kris Parod,

Plymouth, Minnesota

Contact Me

Kris Parod - June 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *Ted and family-These are tough times for you, I'm sorry for your unfair and deep loss. I lost my dad a year ago, if you'd like to talk, I'm here. You're all in my thoughts and prayers.*

~

Ben Abrams,

New Brighton, Minnesota

Contact Me

Ben Abrams - October 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ I worked with Rhall in the Rosemount Flow Division. He was such a kind and competent man. Things in heaven are looking up...earth has incurred a loss. My sympathies over his sudden death.

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Dale Nugent,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Dale Nugent - October 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I was a running buddy with Rhall from time to time. We met at NW Club in the mid 90s as part of the running club there and had kept in touch ever since. Rhall was always cordial, energetic, and inspiring when it came to going the extra mile(s). We also had opportunity to interact some professionally as he was most supportive of my work with leaders in R&D. We were together on several occasions professionally during this past summer. I will miss crossing paths with him, whether running the lakes or otherwise. My sincere sympathy.

~

Steve Boehlke,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Steve Boehlke - September 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ I will miss Rhall. He was a great mentor for a young guy who happened to stumble into the Honeywell Flight Control Business many years ago and made a life long friend.

~

Tim OBrien,

Lakeville, Minnesota

Contact Me

Tim OBrien - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ To the Pope Family, I am shocked and saddened by learning the news today of Rhall's passing. It's 3 weeks past the tragic day and the news is just catching up to me. I worked with Rhall at Deltec and shared the passion of improving patients' lives through our products. I also shared the passion of running around Lake Harriet and was able to stay in touch with Rhall through occasional simultaneous runs. I will think of him each time I hit Lake Harriet. Rhall was a wonderful person. Jill Guimont

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Jill Guimont,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jill Guimont - September 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Kathy , I remember your wedding so well, Rhall was a wonderful person. I am just devastated to hear of his death. Please accept my deepest sympathy. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Our Love to all of you. Don and Carol Summers*

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carol Summers,

Falls Church, Virginia

carol Summers - September 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Sorry to hear of your loss Micheala. Our thoughts are with you.

~

Chris & Natalie Janzen,

Mpls, Minnesota

Chris & Natalie Janzen - September 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I just found out of Rhall's passing today. Growing up, I remember Rhall attending all of Ted's athletic events, supporting him every game, away or home. I was always proud when i could put a smile on Rhall's face or make him laugh with my high school humor. He will be missed. I am sorry i missed the service. My thoughts and prayers are with Pope family in this trying time.

~

Dave Chirico,

Apple Valley, Minnesota

Dave Chirico - September 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CU

“ I had the pleasure of growing up in the same setting as Rhall! We went to both St Phillip's, Canevin and the first two years at Duquesne together. He was always an academic star. I wouldn't say we were best friends? More like good acquaintances. In the early years we were always together in the front of the class. Then as the years went by and I became distracted with cars, Rhall was smart enough to keep his head in the books! So we got separated in High School. I remember in grade school going to his house for lunch. He lived very close to school. His mother would have everything ready, typically peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and a glass of milk. If that wasn't good enough, in the summer he lived almost next door to the Crafton pool. So again, Mrs. Pope was near by. Rhall was a leader and his own man from childhood. I never met his father but there is no doubt that he had a great up bringing! My sympathy to all of his loved ones!

~

Chuck (Bob) Udell,

Chesterfield, Missouri

Contact Me

Chuck (Bob) Udell - September 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *To the Pope family, Please except our family's deepest sympathy and condolences. I worked for Rhall as part of the product development team at Smiths Medical from 1998 until 2006. Rhall was always a quiet mentor and thoughtful individual. If he had time he would always make you welcome for a sit down and chat. Our prayers go out to the many family and friends of Rhall.*

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Greg Brouhard,

Woodbury, Minnesota

Greg Brouhard - September 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Ted and Family-Our deepest sympathies to you and your family on the loss of your father. You will be in our prayers. May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief.*

~

Mark and Amy Peterson,

Savage

Mark and Amy Peterson - September 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dear Pope Family: I ran with Rhall at Northwest Racquet, he was in my running group this was a few years ago now he was 55, we had a nick name for him we called him double nickels. I sincerely enjoyed running with him and his great sense of humor. The one thing that I remember about him was he sure could tell a joke, and one time while we were doing this hellacious track workout Rhall began telling us this joke and all the while he was telling us this joke he kept running faster and faster, literally dragging a bunch of us laughing 30 something's around this track. What a guy, I am happy to have met him. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

~

Mr. Shannon McDonough,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

Mr. Shannon McDonough - September 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Dear Pope Family, I remember Rhall from our days at St. Philip School and from Canevin. He was an outstanding individual and someone whose leadership will be missed. He served as an academic model for many and his smile was always welcomed. You will all be in my prayers during this most difficult time.

~

Charlotte Skalyo Orient,

Venetia, Pennsylvania

Contact Me

Charlotte Skalyo Orient - September 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *I was Rhall's fraternity brother at Duquesne. My deepest sympathy to you, his family*

~

Mike Murray,

Lady Lake, Florida

Contact Me

Mike Murray - September 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Dear Pope family, As a member of Canevin Class of 1963 I would like to extend my sympathy. I did not have the pleasure to know Rhall personally but always admired him as a great person. May God bless all of you at this difficult time.*

~

Kathy (Roman) Raco,

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Contact Me

Kathy (Roman) Raco - September 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Ted and family, So sorry to hear about the loss of your father and husband. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. Lin & Luce Knight and family*

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Luce Knight,

Prior Lake, Minnesota

Contact Me

Luce Knight - September 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Dear Kathy, I worked closely with Rhall when I was at Deltec and have the highest respect for him as a man and a manager of people. I am certain he will be missed by all who knew him. My deepest condolences to you and your family. Nancy Reichow

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Nancy Reichow,

Woodbury, Minnesota

Contact Me

Nancy Reichow - September 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I have known Rhall for most of my life through the "Honeywell" Thanksgiving gatherings. As time has passed and our families see less of each other, the memories of these times together are still very fresh in my mind. We will all miss Rhall very much and our thoughts are with you and will remain with you through these difficult times.

~

Kirk Hauge & Family,

Oakdale, Minnesota

Contact Me

Kirk Hauge & Family - September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *It has been a priviledge and an honor to have worked with this very special man; he will truly be missed. Rhall will be remembered by all at the Waukesha site for his calm demeanor, great sense of humor, insightful wisdom, and genuine compassion for his work and the people he worked with.*

~

Guy Smith,

Waukesha, Wisconsin

Contact Me

Guy Smith - September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ I worked with Rhall at Rosemount Aero/BFG. We traveled together to Moscow, to London and to Venice. I am honored to have witnessed his integrity and courage, not once, but several occasions. I also knew his sense of humor, something that kept us going during hard times. I will miss you, Rhall.

~

Jerry Edwards,

Edina, Minnesota

Jerry Edwards - September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *kathy and family, Peggy and I were saddened to hear of Rhall's passing. It's been so many years, but Rhall was thought of quite often and with deep respect. Lou and Peggy Procacci*

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Lou Procacci,

Southport, North Carolina

Lou Procacci - September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Michaela, Ted and family, Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

~

Carissa (Knight) Lund and Family,

Elko, Minnesota

Carissa (Knight) Lund and Family - September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

IM

“ We were honored to have Rhall serve on our industry advisory board for many years. He was a true leader who will be sorely missed. From all of us at The University of Minnesota Institute for Engineering in Medicine-our thoughts are with you.

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Institute for Engineering in Medicine University of Minnesota,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Institute for Engineering in Medicine University of Minnesota - September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“*Kathy and other family members, I had the good fortune to work with Rhall at Smiths for 10 years. He will certainly be missed by our people and within our business. I respected his judgement, which sometimes differed from mine, based on my particular view of things, but I always gained and grew from our interaction, and my perspectives matured as a result of having worked with him. I also had some memorable opportunities to see Rhall's keen and sophisticated sense of humor. He was a complex, respected, and well-rounded man and we are poorer for his loss. Please take good care of each other as you mourn and remember your special husband, father and friend. We will be thinking of you all over these difficult days.*

~

Chuck Mick,

Maplewood, Minnesota

Chuck Mick - September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I had the privilege of being part of Rhall’s team that developed diabetes products at Smiths Medical. Clearly, he was the most talented and respected leader I have ever worked for. I very much appreciated his calm leadership style and the mentoring and encouragement he so often gave to me. I most valued and appreciated his kindness, intelligence, integrity and sense of humor. What a tragic and great loss for all who knew him. He will always be deeply remembered and missed. My condolences go out to his family and friends.

~

Jay Johnson,

Maple Plain, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jay Johnson - September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LR

“*Ted, Michaela and Family, My heart is breaking for your tremendous loss. I've always thought I've never seen anyone look up to their father as much as Ted and Michaela did. You and your family are in my thoughts during this difficult time. Love, Libby*

~

Libby Rucker,

Chicago, Illinois

Libby Rucker - September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *Kathy and Family, Lynda and I were saddened to hear of Rhall's sudden passing. His support during the short time that I knew and worked with him have made some difficult times bearable. He will be greatly missed. You are in our thoughts at this difficult time.*

~

Chris Pickles,

Watford, UK

Contact Me

Chris Pickles - September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Pope; I'm deeply sorry for your loss. Though I didn't know him in life, I was present during his last moments. I hope that all of those close to him find some small comfort in the fact that he passed quickly and did not suffer. He was surrounded by caring people who made every attempt to help. My sympathies to the family of Mr. Pope; you will be in my thoughts during this incredibly trying time.*

~

John K,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

John K - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LZ

“ *Rhall's combination of intelligence, wisdom, and humor will be truly missed.* ”

~

Larry Zalesky,

Milaca, Minnesota

Larry Zalesky - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Rhall and I were friends since our Purdue days starting in 1969. As colleagues at Honeywell, Rhall always took the risks, challenged the status quo, and pushed me and others to ask questions. His family and mine joined two other families at Thanksgiving each year of more than 25 years. The memories of this plus his and Kathy’s classic St Patrick day celebrations are rich in my mind. Rhall had a great skill to make others feel good because he found humor in ever situation. Upon the many times I sought his approval, I was rewarded by his soft laugh. As a lifelong supporter for cure for diabetes, I was thrilled when Rhall took on this challenge. His considerable skills as a controls engineer brought new perspective to this ultimate control problem. Rhall was a noble person who will be missed.

~

Tom Cunningham,

Monument, Colorado

Contact Me

Tom Cunningham - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Rhall's family. I served with Rhall on the Industry Advisory Board of the Department of Aerospace Engineering and Mechanics at the University of Minnesota. Rhall's contributions to the Board were substantial and he will be greatly missed.*

~

Dave Sippel,

Rochester, Minnesota

Dave Sippel - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ I had the pleasure and privilege of working as a consultant to Rhall and his team over his 10 years at Smiths. His personality really made him stand out in the business world. Over the years I got to know him as a colleague and came to really appreciate his insights and leadership. He always brought such a human dimension to what could otherwise have been a rather cold process of decision making. He would state his case in a persuasive and succinct manner, certainly a man of few, but well chosen, words. I appreciated his counsel to me whenever we would chat to try and solve some issue. He'd work through it with me in a way that transcended the normal contractual way of doing business. I will miss him and his mentorship and I know the diabetes community has lost a genuine friend. My condolences go out to his family and friends for this sudden and tragic loss.

~

Bill Evans,

San Francisco, California

Bill Evans - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ I had the privelage of working with Rhall in Smiths Medical and I will sincerely miss him. Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss.

~

Paul Cabana,

Rockland, Massachusetts

Paul Cabana - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CA

“*Dear Kathy, I have some wonderful memories of Rhall and I know how well loved he was. I am so sorry that he was taken so early. Take care*

~

Cathy Anderson,

Portland, Oregon

Contact Me

Cathy Anderson - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *Rhall and Kathy were the best people my wife and I have ever known. It is so sad that Rhall is gone from us, especially Kathy and their kids.*

~

Paul Raley,

Los Angeles, California

Contact Me

Paul Raley - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Rhall. I met Rhall through our then common employer, Smiths Medical. May your happy memories of Rhall sustain you thorough this very difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

~

Sandy Bieringer,

Waukesha, Wisconsin

Sandy Bieringer - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Ted and family, You have my deepest sympathy. May peace and strength be with you.*

~

Carl Hammer,

New York, New York

Carl Hammer - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ On behalf of the Community Health Charities family, we extend our thoughts and prayers to the Pope family. At CHCM, Rhall will be remembered for his compassion and thoughtful leadership. He will be deeply missed.

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Community Health Charities Minnesota,

Minnesota

Community Health Charities Minnesota - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ We were extremely saddened to learn of Rhall's passing. Shortly after Rhall arrived at Deltec/Smiths Medical, we started to share ideas about ways to improve insulin pumps . He sought better medical outcomes from devices and was always open to new and safe approaches to insulin delivery from pumps because he cared about people. He had a quiet brilliance and quick laughter that always made our times together memorable. A real leader. Our deepest condolences to his family and many other friends. John Walsh, PA, CDE and Ruth Roberts, MA

~

John and Ruth,

San Diego, California

John and Ruth - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Pope family. What I will always remember about Rhall was his ability to be both forthright/honest and compassionate all at the same time. In my experiences with Rhall at Smiths Medical, he was not only a business leader; he was a man who cared a great deal about his employees. I'm certain this will never be forgotten.*

~

Jackie Marquardt,

St. Paul, Minnesota

Jackie Marquardt - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Michaela, I am so, so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time. I only met your dad briefly but he seemed like a wonderful person and I am amazed and inspired by his accomplishments in life. Will be thinking of you. Much love, Kathee Regan*

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Kathee Regan,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Kathee Regan - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies.

~

Janelle Weyek,

Wisconsin

Janelle Weyek - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *I was so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you!*

~

Justine Jackson,

Anoka, Minnesota

Justine Jackson - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ We are very truly sorry for your loss.

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Cindy Rogowski and Shane Treacy,

Chicago, Illinois

Cindy Rogowski and Shane Treacy - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I am a friend of Rhall's sister , Lenore , and wanted to extend my sympathies to her and her family on his sudden death.Please be assured of my prayers.

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John Arnott,

Dayton, Ohio

John Arnott - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *From all of us at Memorial Blood Centers, member of Community Health Charities, we appreciate the outstanding work Rhall did on our behalf. Our condolences to the Pope Family.*

~

Peg McQuillan,

St. Paul, Minnesota

Peg McQuillan - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *From all of us Memorial Blood Centers, member of Community Health Charities, we appreciate Rhall's outstanding work on our behalf. Our condolences to the Pope family.*

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Peg McQuillan,

St. Paul, Minnesota

Peg McQuillan - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Rhall contributed so much to diabetes and he was always available to answer questions and meet with physicians to hear their needs in developing new insulin pumps. He was a wealth of knowledge, a man of integrity and devoted to helping those with diabetes. It was a pleasure to have worked with Rhall during the last six years and he will be missed by the Southeast Region in Diabetes Division. Nancy Montgomery, RBM Smiths Medical

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Nancy Montgomery,

Dallas, Texas

Contact Me

Nancy Montgomery - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Kathy, Michaela and Ted, My deepest sympathy to you. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this most difficult time. Mary Ellen Perry*

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Maryellen Perry,

Rogers, Minnesota

Maryellen Perry - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ I offer sincere sympathy to the family of Rhall Pope. I am a friend of Lenore and Norm.

~

Rev. Patrick Donahoe,

Herndon, Virginia

Rev. Patrick Donahoe - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SK

“*Rhall was a very compassionate person. I worked with him at Smiths Medical. He always had a "quiet" hello. My condolences are with his family with a heavy heart. God Bless you all.*

~

shelly kyle,

Oakdale, Minnesota

shelly kyle - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Rhall was truly a kind and generous person, we will miss his insight and leadership. He was an inspiration to many and his enthusiasm for diabetes research as well as his numerous research contributions will not be forgotten. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

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Minnesota Chapter Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation,

Minnesota

Minnesota Chapter Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JO

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Jack Onodi,

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Jack Onodi - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *It has been a tremendous privilege to work with Rhall. He will be deeply missed by all those who have had the opportunity to spend time with him.*

~

Jim Finch,

St. Paul, Minnesota

Jim Finch - September 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM