



Dr. Victor K. Schutz

December 15, 1934 - October 15, 2023

Dr. Victor K. Schutz, 88, of Wynnewood, PA died peacefully at home on October 15. He is survived by his wife, Helen, whom he has been married to for 65 years, and their son Douglas as well as his sister Maria, sister-in-law Margaret, and his nieces and nephews Caroline (Joe), Pete (Amy), Susan (Todd), Geri (Mark), Mike (Wendi), Angelica (Brian), Heidi, and Chris (Belinda), and their children. He is predeceased by his mother Josephine, father Karl, brother Gary, and brother-in-law Peter. He was a German/Austrian World War II refugee as a child from the Czech Republic and was fortunate to then earn an American Field Service (AFS) international exchange scholarship to attend Lansdowne (PA) High School in the United States and achieve the American dream. He enjoyed teaching students, organizing engineering education conferences, skiing, jogging, hiking, and traveling to all 50 states, and to many countries around the world.

Vic was Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering at Temple University. He served as the founding Chair of the Department of Electrical Engineering at Temple, where he hired top professors; the degree program went on to become accredited for the first time by the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET) under his leadership. He was a Temple Electrical and Computer Engineering Department faculty member for many years until his retirement. Previously Vic served on the faculties of Swarthmore College, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Detroit where he met his wife

Helen. His Ph.D. is from the Moore School of Electrical Engineering of the University of Pennsylvania where for his dissertation he designed a laser measurement standard for the U.S. Army. He was President of the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) Education Society and a Board Member of ASEE (American Society of Electrical Engineering). In ASEE, he held every office at the section and zone levels. A director of four Effective Teaching Institutes, he was the General Conference Chairman of the 1990 ASEE/IEEE Frontiers in Education (FIE) Conference in Vienna and Budapest shortly after the Iron Curtain fell. This was the first time FIE took place in continental Europe.

A consultant to industry, government, and education, Vic was credited with the design and development of the Large Space Optics Laboratory at the NASA Marshall Space Center in Huntsville, Alabama. He was an early chief consulting engineer of NASA's Large Space Telescope (LST) which became the Hubble Telescope. Among his awards are the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching at Temple, two NASA faculty fellowships, the 1991 IEEE Education Society Meritorious Service Award, and the 2020 IEEE Education Society Distinguished Member Award for "outstanding long-term leadership, dedication, and service to the IEEE Education Society and for significant contributions to the fields of interest to the IEEE".

A memorial services will be held on Saturday October 21st. at 10am at St. Colman's Catholic Church, 11 Simpson Rd., Ardmore, PA, where the family will receive guests from 9am to 9:45am.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Vic Schutz Scholarship Fund:

Temple University - Giving to Temple University – by clicking the link below.

When the link opens, people should check off "Other" in the "Selected Designations" list and then write "Vic Schutz Scholarship Fund" in the "Other"

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Previous Events

Funeral Mass

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Colman's Roman Catholic Church
11 Simpson Rd.
Ardmore, PA

Tribute Wall



“ Without Dr. Schutz I likely would not have been able to begin the career I had. I have not seen him since the mid-1970s, but I'm so happy he had a good life.

Don Myers

Don Myers - May 01, 2025 at 02:56 PM



“ Thanks to Victor Schutz for supporting the museum of the Bohemian Forest in Vienna for so many years. He was always interested what happened in his former home place Winterberg/Vimperk in today's Czechia from where his family was expelled after WW2. We are thankful and will miss him. Gernot Peter on behalf of <https://www.boehmerwaldmuseum.at/en/>

Gernot Peter - January 08, 2024 at 03:49 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Victor K. Schutz.

November 05, 2023 at 01:22 PM

DS

“ Victor was my mentor and role model for what it means to be an outstanding Engineering educator. He was a joy to be with as we did as faculty members together and at various conferences over the years. I first met Victor in 1975 and he was enthusiastic about the prospects of a new Engineering program at Temple University that he was promoting. Under his mentorship I began as an adjunct in 1977 and joined the faculty in 1984. I am profoundly saddened by his passing but will always treasure his friendship.

Dennis Silage

Dennis Silage - November 05, 2023 at 01:19 PM

CA

“ Dear Victor,

Your relatives in Vienna including myself are so sad you are not with us any more. Whenever the family meets, you with Helen and Doug will always be part of our conversations; we reminisce about the joyful times going skiing and hiking with you in Austria as well as going to the opera in Vienna or to a 'Heurigen' in the vicinity - spending time with you meant fun as well as intellectual inspiration.

Apart from your fine academic career and devotion to further young talents' academic paths you always lent an ear to all your relatives' concerns, may they have been trivial or severe; in this regard, we will greatly miss your fine sense of humor and we were very proud of 'our Victor' at the other side of the pond.

You will always be within our heart and all the friends you made join us in wishing Doug and Helen strength in this difficult time.

All our love,

Christine on behalf of your family in Vienna, Austria

Christine Allin - October 26, 2023 at 10:47 AM

KE

“ Dear family, dearest Victor!
I am grateful to have you met first time around 1991 in Budapest, followed by an invitation to Philly three years later with my parents. Had the chance to visit you in 2001, having profound discussions in your kitchen and when I was in Philly September 2023 it was a pleasure meeting your lovely son. Victor and I had such a lovely phone and mail conversation.
Dearest Victor, thank you for all your thoughtful advices throughout the years across the big pond, not only about my professional and academic career but also so many other topics, shaping my life significantly.
Love, Kerstin

Kerstin - October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Victor K. Schutz.



October 20, 2023 at 12:43 PM

BE

“ I was a colleague of Vic's over a period of 40-years. I worked with him in his capacities at Temple, ASEE, IEEE, and engineering societies in the Philadelphia area. Vic was a pleasure to work with. His enthusiasm was boundless and contagious. He put his heart into every activity with which he was associated. I can remember many times when I was tired and yet had to trudge into a late meeting, but Vic was there with an enthusiastic greeting and my tiredness melted away by his graciousness.

My wife, Toby, and I had countless dinners together with Vic and Helen in Philadelphia and at IEEE events internationally. These are fond memories that will last forever. Vic may be gone, but his good deeds and memories will live on.

Bruce Eisenstein, LFIEEE, IEEE President 2000

Bruce Eisenstein - October 20, 2023 at 11:39 AM

DS

Thank you for sharing your warm memories of my father Dr. Eisenstein. My father often talked of the fun adventures he had with you at different ASEE and IEEE conferences far and near, and he also spoke fondly of Toby. Best regards, Doug

Doug Schutz - October 20, 2023 at 05:07 PM



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October 20, 2023 at 07:20 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Victor K. Schutz.

October 20, 2023 at 07:20 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Victor K. Schutz.



October 19, 2023 at 06:47 AM