

Supervisor remembered for kindness

■ According to co-workers and friends, Ralph Colucci will always be known for his dedication to his work and his family and for his love of golf.

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Most people would describe Ralph Colucci as being "outgoing yet humble." His dedication to his work and his colleagues has been the re-occurring quality discussed by directors of maintenance, fellow workers and secretaries at the colleges where he conducted his work.

His dedication to his wife and sons and his love for the game of golf are also characteristics that his colleagues say will be long remembered after his death.

Colucci died of colon cancer Saturday at the age of 48. He was one of the building maintenance supervisors at YSU. He leaves his wife, Jan, a secretary in the English department, and two sons, Justin and Scott.

As a supervisor at YSU, Colucci has been described as "outgoing and friendly" by several of his co-workers.

"He was a very kind and caring person. He was always willing to drop what he was doing to sit and talk with you," said Tony Siracuse, associate director, campus grounds.

According to Vince Sacco, associate director of Facilities, Colucci was responsible for maint-

enance in Cushwa Hall, Moser Hall, 127 Lincoln and sometimes Beeghly Hall.

Patty Shaughnessy, secretary, physical therapy, often came into contact with Colucci because her office is in Cushwa Hall. She described him as "humble and good-hearted."

"He was the nicest person in the world. He was never in a bad mood," she said. "He was a good family man, and if you needed something, he was the man to do it, no matter how busy he was."

Shaughnessy said that on several occasions she and her colleagues had offered to take Colucci out to dinner for his work and dedication.

"He never wanted to be recognized [for his successes], though. He was very humble," Shaughnessy added.

Not only was Colucci dedicated to his work, he was also dedicated to his family.

"He talked about his sons all of the time," said Shaughnessy. "He was so proud that Justin, [his

son who is a freshman at YSU], would stop in and talk with him and his friends. He was proud that his son wanted to know about his work and his friends. His son cared about those things," she said.

"He was also looking forward to his other son coming to YSU," she added.

Colucci was also seen by many as an avid golfer.

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"He loved golf," said Joe Dubos, university locksmith.

"It was a very big hobby to him. We golfed a lot of Saturdays, Sundays and weekends, and we went to South Carolina once a year to

golf. He was definitely above-average," he said.

Joe Savini, administrative assistant, College of Arts and Sciences, said it was always fun "golfing with Ralph."

"We would go a couple times a week. He always enjoyed play-

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ing," he said. "It just won't be the same without him."

Shaughnessy said Colucci was proud that his sons were starting to play his favorite sport.

"He was proud that his sons were taking after him by playing golf. He loved his sons so much," she said. "He was happy his wife began golfing too. He was proud that they could go together."

Shaughnessy said it is difficult to see how hard the guys he

worked with are taking his death.

"It's hard on the men," she said. "It is tough for them to show their emotions. The guys really cared about Ralph."

For Christmas, the physical therapy department, in conjunction with Media Services, had Colucci's friends and co-workers write messages to him in a newsletter.

"His wife called me and said what a wonderful thing that was

for him. He really appreciated it," said Shaughnessy. "Jan said he would always pick [the letters] up and read them and that he appreciated the fact that the University took time to send cheer to him."

The family of Ralph Colucci asks that anyone wishing to donate to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice of N. East Ohio, where Colucci was being treated, can send donations to the above name at 219 N. River NW, Warren, Ohio, 44483.