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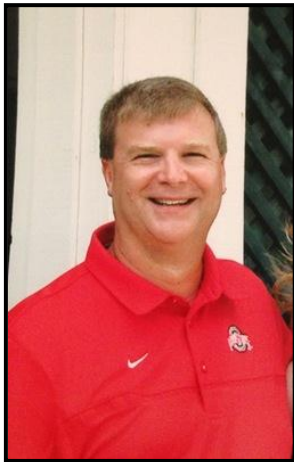
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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MOURNS THE LOSS OF RALPH REEB



Ralph J. Reeb, Chief of the plumbing section of the Division of Industrial Compliance, age 51, of Baltimore, passed away Thursday, August 29th, 2013 at his residence.

Reeb was a 1981 St. Francis DeSales graduate and a 1985 Capital University graduate. He was a State of Ohio Plumbing Chief, head of Ohio's Backflow Program and an instructor for plumbing apprentices, a Walnut Township Zoning Administrator and a member of the O.A.P.I., the P.H.C.C. and the A.P.H.C.

Friends said that he was an avid outdoorsman who loved being with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Trudy M. Reeb, and two children of Baltimore, Ohio.

“My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Trudy, his entire family and our co-workers during this difficult and heartbreaking time,” said Andre T. Porter, Director of Ohio Department of Commerce. “Ralph was with the Department of Commerce for more than 15 years and was a leader in his field. He will be deeply missed both personally and professionally.”

Ralph enjoyed giving back to the industry and developed many friendships during his career. Friends said that he always found a way to balance work and family and loved helping all contractors work through plumbing scenarios. As one friend recalled, “His infectious smile and good natured manner always made even the toughest situation manageable.”

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