

Bob Turnbull



Recently the global can industry, Stolle Machinery Company and so many more lost a great colleague and friend. Bob Turnbull left us far too soon. A native son of Ohio, Bob spent the bulk of his professional life in the can machinery business and was known, respected and cherished by so many around the globe. The tributes and thoughts that have steadily come to us since this terrible news broke is a testimony to a man that placed his work and customers first without concern for his standing but only for keeping the wheels of production turning. Whether servicing or selling equipment, Bob's focus was on the output and end result as he knew that's what would sustain us all. An ethic that is sadly in short supply today it seems.

If you greeted Bob with "hi Mr. Turnbull" he would lovingly frown and reply "Mr. Turnbull was my father." He was unassuming and direct. One didn't need to guess how Bob felt about a subject as he would tell you like it is. A self-described "tractor mechanic" – and rightfully proud of it – but with a toolbox of skills and capabilities that allowed him to design, sell, operate and repair the tractor. In the global can industry where Bob spent his time the tractors were multimillion-dollar metal packaging forming systems that operate around the world and with some of the world's largest and most famous companies. Bob left his mark on the world's food and beverage industry and in locations all around the world someone at this moment is opening a container that was made on a metal forming system that Bob either sold, designed or serviced – and more than likely he did all three. Those systems will continue to operate for decades to come and will stand as a monument to Bob and others like him that make our industry a place that people like to call home.

As one might expect for a person with Bob's skills he had a passion for classic cars. He also had a collection of pocket watches. An engineer and mechanic through and through, and hands on in all of his pursuits.

Bob called Stolle and its predecessor companies home for over 40 years and 5 decades. A lifetime of accomplishment and brotherhood. All that knew him are better for the experience and none of us will forget him.

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