



Vicki L. Mulak

October 20, 1953 - January 10, 2020

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Vicki Lynn Mulak passed away peacefully at her home on January 10, 2020 from cancer that quickly metastasized following an ulcer that burst. She is an En-rolled Agent and Certified Financial Planner, and owner of American Financial and Tax, a tax preparation, planning and representation firm, founded in Tustin in 1985. She frequently testified before the Franchise Tax Board meetings in Sacramento, and was very involved in legislation concerning tax law. Vicki is a well known pre- senter on federal and California tax law and updates, and author of numerous articles that have appeared in NAEA and CSEA publications. Vicki was honored in 2012 with NAEA's Bill Payne Advocacy Award in recognition of her commitment to advocacy on behalf of Enrolled Agents. In 2011, Vicki was awarded the "Distinguished Service Award" for enhancement of CSEA's reputation. In 2006, she received CSEA's prestigious "Thomas P Hess Award" in recognition of her contributions to CSEA's educational goals. She appeared in 2004 on the IRS web cast "Tax Talk Today." From 1993-2012, Vicki worked to prepare students for the partnership and corporation section of the Special Enrollment Exam Class hosted by CSEA's Orange County Chapter. She has been an Extended Education instructor for California State University at Fullerton for their Financial Planning Certificate program, and has worked as an editor for Thomas Reuter's Practitioner Publishing Company's Accounting Quickfinder

from 2006-2012. Vicki was honored for the excellent support of the local business community in 1996 as the recipient of the U.S. Small Business Administration's "Accountant Advocate of the Year" award. A lover of music, Vicki played piano for her church for over 30 years, was a member of the Beethoven Society, and encourager of her daughter's musical endeavors, accompanying Elizabeth for her senior recital to complete her music degree on the violin. She loved to study Scripture, and spent over a decade going verse by verse with a Bible study group she cared deeply for. All her Bible study classes can be accessed at www.biblestudyvbv.com. When not working, she loved being a grandma to her two grandchildren John (4) and Katherine (2), and spending time with her daughter Elizabeth, and her husband George. Her greatest wish was to glorify Christ, and to help those in need, which she enjoyed doing for her many clients that loved her. A women of faith, she was a constant source of wisdom and help to many.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (PT)

Memory Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary
455 W. Central Ave.
Brea, CA 92821
(714) 529-3961
info@memorygarden.com
<https://www.memorygarden.com/>

Graveside

JAN **24**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Memory Garden Memorial Park
455 West Central Avenue
Brea, CA 92821
<http://www.memorygarden.com>

Tribute Wall

AS

“ *As a fellow Enrolled Agent, I am shocked and saddened to hear of Vicki's passing. I really look up to her and was looking forward to crossing paths with her this upcoming tax season.*

I never wanted to miss any of her presentations, she was so knowledgeable and had a great sense of humour.

I am so grateful to Vicki for taking the time to talk to me at STALM a couple years back--I was such a nervous noobie, but she sat next to me and we cracked a few jokes while discussing new tax leg over lunch. This was one of the highlights of my career to date! She was an incredible force who has done so much for tax practitioners and taxpayers alike, and truly inspired me to expand my knowledgebase and skill set.

Thank you for your profound influence, Vicki. I will never forget you!

I am so sorry we lost this wonderful human being, may her family be surrounded by love, light and warmth.

Amber M. Storms, E.A.

Amber Storms - January 14, 2021 at 02:23 PM

CP

“ This evening I went to my annual tax appointment to see Vicki and was completely shocked and saddened to hear of her passing. I had not heard she had passed away until today. I’ve been going to Vicki for over 27 years and she was not only the person that did my taxes, she was a friend. She always scheduled my tax appointments in the evenings so that we could sit and talk after she did my taxes and catch up on life, family and anything else we wanted to talk about. Most people don’t look forward to their annual appointments, I did, and that was because of Vicki. She was incredibly sweet and kind woman. I will truly miss her infectious smile and laugh as well as her kindness. My sincere condolences to both George and Elizabeth. You will be in my prayers.

Chris Peduzzi - February 14, 2020 at 12:40 AM

KW

“ I am so terribly sorry for our loss of this very special human being. I was not a personal friend of hers but a captive student of her tax classes as a fellow Enrolled agent. IF she ever spoke I was there learning and listening. Loved her style and so much class. Thank you Vicki for teaching me to be a better Enrolled agent. My love to the family. To lose a mother changes your life forever. Sweet memories to you Elizabeth.

Karen A Washburn, EA Sparks NV

karen washburn - February 07, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ Vicki, is one of the kindest - and smartest - people that I've ever known.

I had the privilege of playing bass in several of the Church bands that she played piano in - and the lady had chops! I also appreciated having another classically trained musician who could read music and was frustrated with the absolutely horrible guitar charts that were thrown us to fill in the blanks on. It was good to have someone who empathized and understood (the garage banders in these groups never really "got us"). We bonded over this big time and became fast friends.

Ditto for her "Tax Chops". The lady knew her stuff. Ask her a question and you would learn FAR more than you ever wanted to know about taxes. It was amazing!

I should probably also mention that I was there when Vicki met George and fell in love. It was truly a supernatural and magical thing to behold. The words, "fairytale romance" don't do it justice, but that's what it was.

Last, but not least, I remember the joy that the birth of Elizabeth brought to both Vicki and George. To say that she loved being a mother is an understatement. So is saying that she was a great mother.

Friends, we've lost one of the great ones.

God's blessings on the family during this time of grieving.

Fred Anson - January 24, 2020 at 04:09 PM

AS

“ I just learned of Vicki's passing and am so saddened. We had many encounters over the past 20 years through CSEA and my position with the IRS. She was such a delightful person, always upbeat, competent and so smart! We would talk about various aspects of tax law - weighing the pros and cons. I could always call her with a question and looked forward to seeing her at seminars. I will miss her....

AMY M SMITH - January 24, 2020 at 12:24 AM

CT

“ I spent time with Vicki while teaching seminars and through CSEA events. She had a wealth of knowledge to share and was very good at doing so. We taught on one of the Tax Boats to Alaska and survived a major storm where all anyone could do was hang on for dear life. I am very sorry to hear of her passing. She gave her cancer a run for a long time because of her faith and courage. George and family, she will always be in our hearts and memory. My prayers and heartfelt sorrow are with you.

Carol Thompson - January 23, 2020 at 09:20 AM

DS

“ I was blessed to know of Vicki through knowing her husband. There were many times that George and I prayed for and lifted up our families to God. Now she'll be know in Heaven and rewarded for her faithfulness here on earth. Blessed indeed.

Daniel Saunders - January 22, 2020 at 06:41 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Vicki L. Mulak.



January 21, 2020 at 12:49 PM

AJ

“ Dear Liz,

Vicki hold a special memories in my heart. She meant so much to me. I have learn so much from Vicki. I felt I needed to do more for Vicki. I feel I haven't done enough. When we first meet at my interview with Vicki we were there for nearly three hours. We talk and laugh as if we knew each other already. She told me that god must have send me to her for a reason. I thought she might be right. I wasn't looking for a job yet Vicki needed to hire someone because her one and only employee was leaving her. How we meet was like faith. I love to see Vicki laugh. I never got upset or frustrated at Vicki even when she get mad at me. There are time we got into some conflict. yet I wasn't mad at Vicki. I was more upset at myself when I see Vicki get upset or disappointed because I know Vicki was only looking out for me and worries for my future. I know this is because she always mention it to me. She was trying to educate me. I never have anyone care for me as much as Vicki care for me. I have been working with the CPA for nearly 15 years and I have never seen anyone truly care for me like Vicki does. When Vicki feel ill my heart just sink and I felt as if I was to be blame for not being able to help her enough. I pray so hard for Vicki to get well and strong again. I even try taking Vicki to a walk if this will help her get better. I begged and cry my heart out to Vicki not to give up on me. I just want her to be well and to be with us. I don't want anything else but her to be well. Vicki tell me not to cry she said she will do her best to be strong again. I guess god must have want her to return to him and there is nothing we can do. I envy god for taking Vicki away from us. I love Vicki so much Liz it hurts so much. I can't see her beautiful smiling face or hear her voice anymore. I can't buy her favorite starbuck drink blond cappuccino extra hot. I love you so much Vicki I hope you know that. Liz you remind me of Vicki sometime talking to you help ease some pain because you kind of resemble Vicki strong personality. Please never forget your mom love you she never stop talking about you. She told me you meant so much to her and if you move far away she was going to follow you even if she need to change her office location. She said she only want to

be able to be with her baby girl and her grand kids.

Ann Jiang - January 21, 2020 at 01:38 AM