

A Lifetime of Bad Jokes: Bob Mencke

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I am writing with the sad news that Bob Mencke passed away on Saturday, at age 90. Bob joined Keller Golf Club in the early 1960s, served on the board of directors for many years, and was a Keller "Man of the Year." Bob Mencke was a gracious and good-hearted member who will be greatly missed. Between the golf course and a professional life in sales, Bob was exposed to and memorized many bad jokes, which he repeated on about a 3-year cycle. I don't remember any of them, but I will always remember that he made me laugh...not because of the jokes, but because of his cheerful enthusiasm in telling them.

Bob made a courageous decision a few years ago. When he could no longer hit the ball very far, rather than quit he did the practical thing and moved forward to the red tees. It was a "bend, don't break" strategy that kept him playing the game he loved with the people he wanted to play it with. I will try to remember his example when the time comes. On behalf of the club I want to extend our condolences to Bob's sons Mike and Kevin, both Keller members, and to all the Mencke family. A memorial service is still being planned and will be announced in the Pioneer Press.