

# 1926 – 2003: Raymond “Buz” Didier

*Buz Didier passed away at his retirement home in Minocqua, Wisconsin, on Friday, April 4. He was 77.*

Buz was the son of Ray Didier, a charter member of the Midwest Association and superintendent of George S. May’s Tam O’Shanter Country Club in Niles, Illinois. When Mr. Didier suffered a heart attack and retired, the Didiers built their own course, Village Green, in Mundelein. The father-son team then did drainage work and rebuilding of greens on many local courses.

Buz attended the University of Illinois and Northwestern and mar-

ried his first wife while still a student. He is survived by three wives—Patti, Elsie and Charlotte—and several grown children.

Local clubs enhanced by the Didier touch include Butterfield C.C., Big Run, Bon Vivant, Carriage Green, Dubsread and Fresh Meadow, Green Garden, Hickory Creek, Nettle Creek, Northmoor, Rolling Hills and Silver Lake, Tuckaway (Wisconsin) and Villa Olivia.

When asked which venture excited him the most, Buz would reply, “The 36-hole Trophy Club in Grapevine, Texas. I had daily contact with Ben Hogan for two years.”

We enjoyed many fun-filled hours together . . . Blackhawk games, Wrigley Field, trips to the Masters and U.S. Open tournaments, weddings and picnics. Adios partner, we will miss you.



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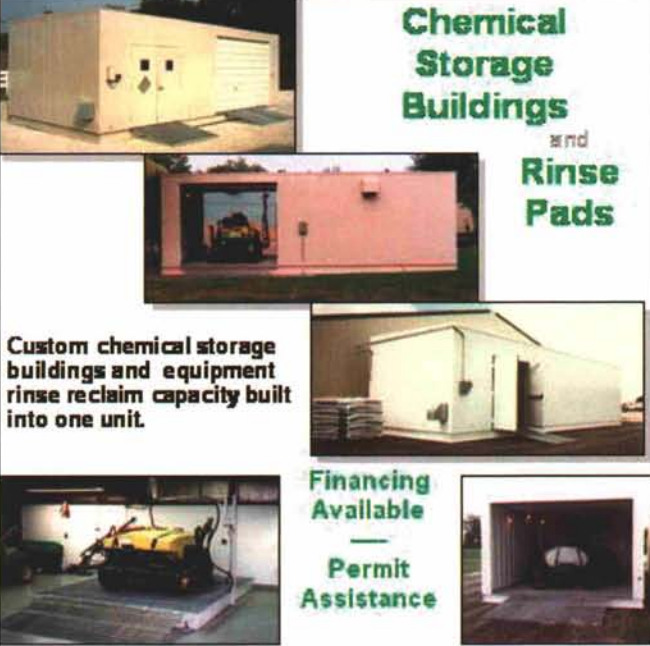
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