



Vince Mancuso, LOTA founder dies at 77

“I have been called zany, feisty, and good loser.....on those rare occasions....”

– Vince Mancuso upon induction into the LOTA Hall of Fame.

Vince Mancuso, one of the founding fathers of the Lake Oconee Tennis Association (LOTA), passed away January 4, 2018. Vince was 77 and a long-time resident of Harbor Club where he lived with his wife of 53 years, Camille.

Tennis was a big part of his life for many years until he was permanently sidelined by illness. “The shots that define me the most and make my opponents crazy are the drop shot and my down the line lob” he told the LOTA Hall of Fame committee.

LOTA grew out of a series of meetings in 1999 among a handful of tennis enthusiasts. Reflecting on the formation of our organization, Vince wrote in 2003 that the group including himself, Rick Spors, Ruth Hendrix, Steve Weiser, Bill Dudley and Martha Franks, felt that “the most important founding

principles were that LOTA would provide an all-inclusive lake area tennis environment, not just for gated communities, that would promote fun tennis by pitting opponents of similar capabilities to play in our matches.”

He also said that as the first Vice President in charge of setting up a format that included both league and informal play, the group’s intention was to make sure that “having fun playing the game received a much higher priority than winning.”

A reception to celebrate the life of our friend and neighbor, Vince Mancuso, will be held on Sunday, January 21st at the Harbor Club Clubhouse from 3 until 7 pm. Because of Vince’s long military career, his formal burial service will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date.

Please continue to keep Camille and her family in your thoughts and prayers.