

Dean Vietor, cartoonist extraordinaire, 1931-2007

Dean Vietor, whose cartoons have appeared in *Salesmarts* since 1990, passed away August 20, 2007, in Phoenix, Arizona. He was 76.

Vietor’s work for Herman Miller began in the mid 1980s when his cartoons appeared in the company’s price books, providing users with some unexpected visual and comic relief.

Before and during his time working for Herman Miller, Vietor’s cartoons also regularly appeared in *The New Yorker* magazine and *USA Today*, where for a period of time he had a daily cartoon on page 2 under the title “Funny Business.”

Indeed, Vietor saw the humor in business and poked fun at it, particularly at clueless bosses, endless meetings, and pointless policies. But his humor was never mean or malicious, and his intent was always to make us smile—at others and ourselves.

As an artist, he was gifted, brilliant, and original. As a man, he was humble, gracious, and gentle. He’s been part of Herman Miller for so long that it’s hard to accept his absence.

This issue of *Salesmarts* will be the last in which his cartoons and illustrations appear. 🍌



“The good news is you get a bonus.
The bad news is it’s a basket of fruit.”



“Think about it, Haskins. With a little more effort
you can be just like me.”



“I’d like to move to another organization too,
but I happen to own this one.”

