

PipeLine Machinery



January 6, 2009

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we announce Vance Arthur McNeil passed away on January 5, 2009 after a brief but valiant battle with cancer.

“We will not only miss Vance’s expertise, but also his humor, his loyalty and his friendship,” said PipeLine Machinery International (PLM) President Mel Ternan. “He was so well known and respected in the community, the equipment industry and increasingly over the past four years – in the pipeline industry, his passing affects many.”

After graduating from Texas A & M University in 1963, Vance began his Caterpillar career when he was hired by Frank Tucker and joined Mustang Tractor and Equipment Company on July 8, 1964. He was initially trained in earth moving machine sales by Mr. “Polo” Claverie. Through the years, Vance worked in New Prime Product Sales, Parts and Service Sales, Used Equipment Management, and Rental/Used Equipment Sales.

When Mustang and three other Cat dealers (Fabick, Finning, Ring Power) partnered to start a new, international industry-specific pipeline dealership in May 2005, Vance was one of the early recruits to the PLM team. His expertise with equipment mobilization and operation was invaluable to a fast-growing dealership, in a fast-moving industry.

Vance is fondly remembered at Mustang for his extraordinary knowledge of equipment and his willingness to share his knowledge with others. His co-workers at PLM in Houston and around the world will hold him close in their hearts.



Vance A. McNeil
July 22, 1941 - Jan 5, 2009

Vance is survived by his wife of 45 years, Georgana Faye Dettman (McNeil), his children Keith Dettman McNeil (Allison) of Lantana, TX, Vanessa McNeil Rocchio (Michael) of Birmingham, AL, and grandchildren, Julianna Marie McNeil, Matthew Thomas Rocchio and Emma Elizabeth McNeil.

A celebration of Vance's life will be held on Friday, January 9 at 11:30 am at St Francis Episcopal Church, 345 Piney Point Rd., Houston, TX, 77024.

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