

Donald (Don) Edward Roberts

After graduating WHS in 1959 I attended the University of Tulsa and worked ten years for Crane Carrier Company. While going to school I worked as an electrician on the assembly line then as an inspector in the machine shop and then became there Chief Industrial Engineer. During this time I married my wife Vivian Sue Beard of Beggs Oklahoma, and had three daughters, Dianne, Teresa, and Karen.

After leaving Crane Carrier in 1974, I worked 3 years in Tulsa for Nelson Electric as there Chief Industrial Engineer. In 1977 I started to work for Byron Jackson Pump Company in Tulsa as Manager of Facility Engineering (Centrilift Division). I had the responsibility of designing, building, moving, and starting a new large manufacturing facility (600+ employees) in Claremore Oklahoma. I then became Manager of Manufacturing Engineering and worked all over North America and the world (South America, China, Europe, and Far East) building service facilities and transferring manufacturing technology.

Leaving Centrilift after 10 years, and in 1987, I went to work in Tulsa as Director of Corporate Reality for TELEX Inc. with the responsibility for designing, building, and starting there Cherokee Industrial Facility. With this complete, in 1989 I started my own facility and industrial engineering company "Don Roberts Associates" and worked on a number of facility and manufacturing related projects.

In 1991 I had the wonderful opportunity to become Vice President of Operations for a small manufacturing company (25 employees) "HydroHoist International Inc." located in Claremore Oklahoma. After helping to start and then acquiring a sister company "Rotational Technologies Inc. (Dba ROTEK)" I became President and C.O.O. of that Company and well as V.P Operations for HydroHoist, with now over 100 employees.

On April 1, 2007, my wife (who worked many years at Rogers State Collage as the TV Station's Program Director) and I retired and moved from Claremore to our country home in Mounds Oklahoma. I now pursue full time many of the thing I enjoy, hunting, fishing, shooting (have a 200 yard rifle range and small sporting clays range), building and flying RC airplanes (have my own flying field), wood working in my shop, farming, etc..

We have two daughters and there families who live in Claremore, but you will find them and our five grandkids (four boys and one girl) at our home most weekends. The oldest is the Office Manager for a Medical Group in Claremore; one is a ninth grade English Teacher at Claremore. Our youngest daughter lives in Boise Idaho; is a CPA and is the Western Regional Manager for Boise Cascade Inc.

On October 28, 2007 my wife and I celebrated forty years of marriage.

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