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In Memoriam

ROBERT "BOB" HAYES

Over the past few years the manufactured housing industry has suffered through many losses. Recently the industry suffered another loss; Robert "Bob" Hayes passed away in early July.

His wife Martha and two grown children Robert Jr. and Dana survive Bob. He left behind a history of involvement and dedication to the manufactured housing industry that gained him the respect of his contemporaries. He was a graduate of the University of Florida, Gainesville, and later in life became an expert in the manufactured housing industry. As a member of national and regional manufactured housing associations, Bob was very active with the issues that impacted the industry.

Bob joined Gang-Nail in 1969 but before that he owned his own mobile home truss manufacturing plant where he garnered the industry knowledge that made him so successful in his career with Gang-Nail/MiTek. After his retirement in December of 1996 he continued to work on a consulting basis with MiTek and even made yearly visits to some of his old customers.

Retirement offered Bob and his wife the opportunity to take their dream vacation. They took an Alaskan Cruise that year and they were often overheard later to comment that it was one of the highlights of their life together. After the cruise, Bob and Martha settled into their lakefront home in Keystone Heights, FL, where he was able to pursue his life long love of golf. Bob was even a golf instructor for his friends in the area. When not playing golf you could usually find him around a ping-pong table where he was known to win a few games.

Some losses are easy to recover from and others take some time. This loss may take awhile. Robert "Bob" Hayes will be missed but remembered.

(Thanks to Mike Klein at MiTek for providing this memoriam.)

CATHERINE LALONDE

Catherine Lalonde, President of the Canadian Wood Council passed away on Sunday, August 3, 2003 at age 45.

Catherine was an important part of the CWC team, having joined the Council over 10 years ago. She was named President in 2000 and was a passionate and dedicated leader and advocate for the wood industry. Catherine's guidance, generosity and friendship will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Her contribution to our industry will live on. Our thoughts are with her husband, Gerry and their sons, Daniel, Michael and Patrick.

A Memorial Service was held on August 7. In memoriam donations to the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre Foundation would be appreciated and can be made online at www.mcgarryfamily.ca.

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