



Historical Achievements

Valley of the Giants—

David B. Meeker (1925 – 1989)

David B. Meeker, son of David A. Meeker (see September 1997 Valley of the Giants story), was born in Troy, Ohio. David B. graduated from Troy High School, received his bachelor's degree from Dartmouth University in 1948, and in 1950, his master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan.

He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, before beginning his career with Hobart Manufacturing Company in 1949, as Chicago's branch manager. In 1963, he became treasurer of Hobart and in 1966, a director and vice president. In 1968, he was made president and in 1970, became chief executive. Mr. Meeker was chairman of the board in 1981, when Hobart was acquired by Dart & Kraft Inc., and shortly thereafter he retired.

David served on the boards of many well-known firms, including Armco, Phillips Petroleum, R.R. Donnelly & Sons, J. C. Penny, Square D, Winter's National, DP&L, Huffy, Bank One, Sterling Drug, and First National Bank of Troy.

He was a lifetime director of the National Association of Manufacturers and president in 1971. Chairman of the Neil Armstrong Food Drive, David was the first President of the Neil Armstrong Museum. He was also director of the Dayton Area Boy Scout Council, Junior

Achievement, the Wright State University Foundation, a trustee of Higgins College in Virginia, an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Troy, president of Troy Rotary and Troy Country Club, trustee of both Lincoln Community Center and the Troy United Fund. He was also the founding vice president of Bruckner Nature Center.



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Among Mr. Meeker's many recognitions and awards were: Troy Jaycees Community Service Award, Junior Achievement's Spirit of America Award, and the Troy Chamber of Commerce "Distinguished Citizen" Award.

Upon his death, in 1989, David B. Meeker was survived by his wife, Helen; sons George N. and David N.; daughters Jane and Susan; brothers Walter B. and Robert B.; and 13 grandchildren.

David B. Meeker was a great innovative leader, analyst, developer, planner, fighter, contributor, statesman, family man and friend, who has rightfully earned his place on the roll of our treasured Valley of the Giants!

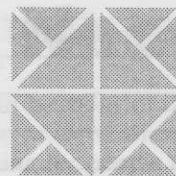
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