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SAM YOST (1930-1995) Sam Yost, former principal owner and chairman of the board of Prestress Services, Inc. in Decatur, Indiana, and Lexington and Melbourne, Kentucky, died in November 1995 at the age of 65. Through his innovative ideas and steadfast leadership, Mr. Yost significantly improved the marketability of precast/prestressed concrete in the early days of this industry.

Mr. Yost grew up in a family construction business, spending much of his youth around job-sites. Engineers and designers were soon listening to the suggestions of this gifted teenager on how to use precast and prestressed concrete in new and innovative applications.

After discharge from active military duty in Korea, Mr. Yost returned to the family business and set to work in improving product quality and production efficiency, devising new forming techniques, and making precast/prestressed concrete a more practical and economical alternative to other construction materials and methods. When adequate equipment was not available to safely and efficiently deliver the large components his operation was capable of producing, Mr. Yost designed, engineered, and had custom built the necessary equipment. To this day, Prestress Services operates one of the largest private fleets in the industry, delivering products in compliance with regulations that vary from state to state.

A "stickler" for product quality, production safety, and plant cleanliness, Mr. Yost believed that the success of his companies was directly related to the success of the industry as a whole. His contributions to the precast/prestressed concrete industry will be long remembered.

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