

Earl Wooten III: Chemical Plant Manager, Philanthropist

General Background

Earl Wooten III was born in Crockett, Texas in 1951 and attended the Lovelady, Texas schools where he did well academically, while participating in football and track. He was particularly fond of science and math. He has a long history of association with resource stewardship and conservation, having grown up on his family's cattle ranch in East Texas helping with all aspects of raising cattle. He was also active in 4H and FFA as a student and is an avid sportsman and had hunted and fished on four continents. Earl and his wife Ruth currently live in Bonterra in the Woodforest Development.

Education

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Prairie View A&M University in 1973

Professional Career

Earl Wooten, III spent a highly successful 35-year career in the industrial chemical sector.

- **Occidental Chemical Corporation (OxyChem):** He spent decades working with OxyChem and its subsidiaries. By the late 1990s, he served as the Plant Manager for OxyVinyls, LP (a joint venture of Occidental Chemical and PolyOne).
- **Plant Management:** He ultimately retired in **2016** from his position as a Plant Manager for Occidental Chemical Corporation, capping off over three decades of leadership in chemical manufacturing, safety compliance, and industrial plant operations.

Philanthropy and Community Involvement

Earl has a long history of community service, having served on the boards of the Cedar Hills Economic Development Corporation, Laport and Deer Park Chamber of Commerce and Great Baton Rouge Louisiana Industrial Alliance .

Following his retirement from the corporate sector, Wooten transitioned his leadership skills into charitable work:

- **The CAUSE Foundation:** He serves on the Board of Directors for this non-profit organization, which provides financial assistance to airline employees (specifically United Airlines flight attendants) facing unexpected illness, injury, or disability.