

Former Ford CEO Philip Caldwell Dies

Philip Caldwell, the first person to lead Ford Motor Co. who wasn't a member of the founding family, died Wednesday, July 10, 2013, at his home in New Canaan, Conn. He was 93.



Philip Caldwell

Caldwell was a former chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Ford Motor Company.

He succeeded Henry Ford II, becoming chief executive officer in October 1979, and chairman of the board in March 1980. He retired from the company on Feb. 1, 1985, and from the Board of Directors on May 10, 1990.

Following his retirement from the company, he became senior managing director of Shearson Lehman Brothers Inc.

In a statement to the press Ford Executive Chairman Bill Ford said, "Philip Caldwell had a remarkable impact at Ford Motor Company over a span of more than 30 years. Serving as CEO and later as Chairman of the Board of Directors, he helped guide the company through a difficult turnaround in the 1980s and drove the introductions of ground-breaking products around the globe.

"His dedication and relentless passion for quality always will be hallmarks of his legacy at Ford. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family."

Caldwell had a diversified, 32-year career with Ford including senior management responsibilities for automotive and truck operations in North America and for the company's international activities.

Caldwell's early managerial ex-

perience at Ford spanned purchasing, engineering, product planning and manufacturing. He was elected a vice president of Ford Motor Company and appointed general manager of Truck Operations for North America in 1968. In 1970, he was named president of Philco-Ford Corporation, a subsidiary of Ford Motor Company. A year later, he was appointed vice president in charge of the Manufacturing Group for Ford North American Automotive Operations.

Caldwell was elected chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Ford of Europe Incorporated in July 1972.

The following year he was elected a director of the company and executive vice president - Ford International Automotive Operations, with responsibility for all automotive operations outside the United States and Canada.

He was elected vice chairman of the board of Ford Motor Company in April 1977. He was elected vice chairman, president and deputy chief executive officer in October 1978, and became president and chief executive office on Oct. 1, 1979. He became chairman of the board and chief executive officer on March 13, 1980.

Caldwell was credited with ushering the Ford Taurus into the marketplace. The company sold 263,000 of them in 1986, the first full year of production. It became the best-selling car in America in 1992 with sales of nearly 410,000, unseating the Honda Accord.

Prior to joining Ford in 1953, he had been a civilian executive of the Navy Department in Washington, D.C., for seven years, following active service as a naval officer during World War II. As deputy director of the Procurement Policy Division, he was the Navy's top civilian professional in procurement. He was a charter member and chairman of the committee that wrote the original Armed Services Procurement Regulations.

A native of Ohio, Mr. Caldwell was graduated from Muskingum College in 1940 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics, and in 1942 received a master of business administration degree from the Harvard Business School.

Caldwell is survived by his wife, Betsey, to whom he was married for nearly 68 years, three children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Lingenfelter-tuned 202.67 mph ZL1 Camaro with Continental DWS tires

Continental Tire's Performance Lands Lingenfelter All-Vehicle Commitment

Lingenfelter Performance Engineering recently agreed to place Continental tires on all Lingenfelter vehicles.

As the "official tire" of Lingenfelter Performance Engineering, Continental's line of performance passenger, light truck and SUV tires will be featured on all vehicles that roll out of the Lingenfelter shop, including the manufacturer's Signature Series cars and trucks, show cars, street rods and race vehicles.

"The Lingenfelter team has worked side-by-side with Continental Tire for several years and is our preferred tire brand," said Ken Lingenfelter, owner, Lingenfelter Performance Engineering.

"The synergies between our companies make this agreement the next logical step."

"Continental's performance-tire capabilities complement Lingenfelter's performance-tuning expertise, which will help us get the most from our vehicles, on and off the track."

In March 2012, a Lingenfelter-tuned ZL1 Camaro, equipped

with Continental ExtremeContact DWS tires, became the first to exceed 200 mph, hitting 202.67 mph at Continental's Uvalde Proving Grounds in Uvalde, Texas.

"Lingenfelter is known for its performance tuning expertise and it's an honor to be aligned with such a noteworthy brand," said Tony Talbert, tuning key account manager for Continental Tire.

"We believe that our 140-year history of building technology-leading, high-performance tires is a great match with such a legend in the world of performance cars and racing.

"Continental recognizes Lingenfelter's pursuit of excellence and that, combined with our technology-driven products, is a powerful combination," said Talbert.

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC, is based in Fort Mill, S.C. and produces a complete premium line of passenger, light truck and commercial tires for the OEM and replacement markets.

NDIA Hosts TACOM General at Annual Summer Dinner

The Michigan chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) is holding its annual dinner on Friday, July 26, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on Jefferson in Grosse Pointe Shores.

This is a signature Chapter black tie event, said Chapter President Nancy Loerch.

She said the event consists of a networking cocktail reception, followed by dinner, an awards presentation, and entertainment, along with special guest speaker Major General Michael Terry,

commander of TACOM, will address the group.

"This is a great chance for people at the senior level of government and industry to come together and talk about the issues that affect us in a less formal setting," Loerch said.

"We also get to celebrate some of our initiatives. This is a great environment where we can just talk in a relaxed and informal atmosphere about the issues of the day that affect us."

The event is close to being

sold out because there is only room for 320 attendees, but there is still a chance for people to reserve space, Loerch said.

Loerch said those interested in learning more about the dinner can visit the group's site, www.ndia-mich.org, for more information and reservations.

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