

1993 Engineer of Distinction



J. Roy Wauford, Jr.
B.S. Engineering, Vanderbilt University, 1952

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Citation

J. Roy Wauford, Jr. began his collegiate education at Tennessee Technological University in the fall of 1948 and continued through the spring of 1950. In the fall of 1949 he made his only political race when his father entered his name for the Cartmell Scholarship to Vanderbilt University. The recipient of the Cartmell Scholarship is decided by popular vote of the people of Lebanon, Tennessee. Since he was unopposed, he won.

As a result of the Cartmell Scholarship, Mr. Wauford transferred to Vanderbilt University in the fall of 1950 from which he received his B.S. in Engineering, Cum Laude, in 1952. While at Vanderbilt he was selected by the County Court to be County Surveyor for Wilson County, a part-time activity that drew on his previous summer's work for the aging former County Surveyor.

In 1952 Mr. Wauford began his career with D.A. Duplantier, Consulting Engineer, as a Draftsman and Junior Designer. In 1953 he joined the Tennessee Highway Department as a Soils and Research Engineer. While working with the State, Mr. Wauford applied for his engineering license from the Tennessee State Board of Architectural and Engineering Examiners. He took the required examination in the fall of 1953 and received his license on August 14, 1954 (at the age of 24).

The part-time surveying business grew to the extent that Mr. Wauford went out on his own and formed J.R. Wauford & Company, Consulting Engineers. In 1960 J.R. Wauford & Company had grown to 10 people, including an environmental engineer. It was at that point that the first municipal clients were obtained. J.R. Wauford & Company, Consulting Engineers, Inc. presently provides environmental engineering planning, consulting, design and construction contract administration services related to all phases of water and wastewater systems. Since forming J.R. Wauford & Company, the company has grown from one office located in Nashville, Tennessee, to three offices, one in Jackson, Tennessee, and one in Maryville, Tennessee, with a total of 37 employees. The Company presently serves 33 municipal clients, 12 utility districts as well as 17 private clients. It is considered one of the top water supply and wastewater management firms in the Southeast.

While the engineering firm consumes most of Mr. Wauford's time, he is also Chairman of the Board and principal stockholder of Liberty State Bank, located in Liberty, Tennessee, with branch offices in Lebanon and Alexandria, Tennessee.

Mr. Wauford holds several memberships. He is a member of the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers, Consulting Engineers Council where he served as President in 1972, and American Water Works Association, where he is a lifetime member.

Mr. Wauford has been a long-time supporter of the College of Engineering. In 1976, he started a TTU civil engineering scholarship fund. There have been 21 awards made. His firm hires our CE graduates, and he even sent his son, Joseph R. Wauford III, to Tech where he earned the BSCE degree in 1978.

Mr. Wauford enjoys a good game of golf in his spare time.



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