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# Kansas Oil & Gas Hall of Fame Inductees

**O**n the evening of April 11, 2015 four hundred men and women in the Kansas Oil and (natural) Gas industry enjoyed an elegant banquet and the induction presentation of new members into the Kansas Oil and Gas Museum Foundation Hall of Fame in Great Bend. John Francis, treasurer of the foundation, was a great master of ceremonies, and the keynote speaker was Ed Cross, Topeka, President of the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association. Several of our good friends in the oil and gas industry were honored, and we congratulate all the inductees.  
*Barbara Oringderff*



**Robert (Bob) L. Austin**  
**RAMA Operating**  
**Company, Inc.**  
**Stafford, KS**

Born on July 21, 1932 in Bristol, Oklahoma, Bob is the son of Homer and Thelma Austin. Bob's family moved to Illinois where his father worked as a foreman for Texaco, and Bob was raised in a lease house. In 1950 he graduated from high school at Mount Vernon, Ill. and then moved to Stafford, Kansas where Bob roughnecked for three years for Buddy Armour Drilling Co.

In 1952 he married Mable R. Farris, the daughter of Sam and Maimic Farris. Together they have three children: Robin L. Austin, Stafford, KS, Camilla A. Raines, Colorado Springs, CO and Connie A. Harmon, Beatrice, NE.

Bob and Mable have been involved in the oil and gas industry since the late mid-1950s. From 1953-1956, Bob and his brother owned and operated a tank truck business. During this time they doubled the size of the business and the equipment. The business was successfully sold as a going concern in 1956.

The proceeds from the sale of this business were invested in equipment for pipeline construction. It was during this time between 1956 through 1970 that Bob started up two gas gathering companies, to gather and compress vented gas in conjunction with his pipeline construction business. Bob had gas contracts with

many of the major companies. His association with these companies gave him the opportunity to buy "marginal" oil and gas wells, and to then re-work them and operate them profitably. Bob has owned and operated wells in five different states: New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and Kansas.

In 1970, Bob sold off his construction equipment to devote full-time to his oil and gas interests. He continued to expand in the industry by funneling the profits from these properties back into the family-owned businesses.

In 1973 his son, Robin joined the family business in Perry, OK. In 1984 Robin moved his family back to Stafford, KS where they currently own and operate RAMA Operating Co., Inc. Bob's grandson, Joshua Austin joined the business in 2012 as a geologist. Together they continue to develop more oil and gas properties, and invest in other ventures as well.

In October, 1974, Bob accepted the Lord as his personal savior and all of his priorities changed. He continues to pursue oil and gas interests and feels that the Lord has blessed his efforts.

Bob and Mable are strong contributors to the schools, churches and businesses in the Stafford area.



**Earl G. Fox**  
**Waukesha Engine &**  
**Equipment Co.**  
**Great Bend, KS**

Earl G. Fox of Great Bend is a native Kansan, born in 1935 at a farm near St. John. He graduated from St. John high school in 1953 and attended Kansas State University. But then he was asked to demonstrate his commitment to family and farm, by taking over the dairy and other duties at home while his mother was ill.

Earl's life changed even more after his mother's death in 1955. As the oldest child living at home, he took on even more family obligations because it was the right thing to do. The next thing he knew, the draft board letter came. Because he was 1-A eligible, he realized life was about to change again. So, he vol-

unteered for a tour of duty with the U.S. Army, was inducted on May 7, 1957, completed basic training at Fort Riley and went to Germany for 18 months.

After his tour ended in 1959, there he was - no job and no home. But he found employment with Scheufler Supply, keeping parts inventory records for a short time. He then moved to Marlette Coach Company for another short stint, but then came a new position in 1959 at Kansas Engine and Machinery Co. in Great Bend, KS the local Waukesha engine distributor.

The next year, Kansas Engine and Machinery was sold to Waukesha Engine & Equipment Co. of Denver. Prospects were bleak, because there was no room for Earl in the transition - or so he was told. Earl walked across the street to Parts, Inc., where Don Simonson told him there would be a spot for him. However, the general service manager from Waukesha then stepped into the picture. This manager offered Earl a job after all, and then he had two job offers.

In December, 1960, Earl was asked to move to Denver and work in the parts department, which he did a few weeks later. But after only a few days, management said it needed his help in Casper, Wyo. He made the move to Casper, intending to stay a couple of weeks, which turned into about 18 months.

Next came consideration of the parts manager job in Great Bend, and he and his new wife, Judy, decided it would be a good move. Earl knew he could handle the job, but management wasn't so sure. Earl then gave them a bottom-line deal: if he couldn't handle the job he would quit. The bosses said "okay", and Earl and Judy packed their bags.

Earl remained in this job until January, 1965 when he was promoted to Great Bend branch manager. He began his on-the-road travels, meeting current and prospective customers, and bringing in equipment for repair.

The move to a better location at 6115 W. Tenth came in May, 1978. The business remains at this Great Bend location today, with six service bays; the current owner is Stewart & Stevenson Inc., Houston.

Earl is well-respected in the oil and gas industry, as well as in his community. He has been an active member of the First Presbyterian church, serving in many leadership positions. Earl also has served on the Great Bend city council and as a Boy Scout leader. He has been a member of the Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association and American Petroleum Institute since the 1960s, serving as API chairman twice. Currently, Earl is a member of the Noon Lions club and the Kiwanis club.

Earl retired in 2006, having worked in



the oil and gas industry for more than 46 years. Earl and his wife, Judy, have one daughter, Cindi Hunt and her husband, Rick; three grandchildren, Jennifer Hansen and her husband, Nick, Brian Hunt and his fiancée Emily, and Kelci Hunt, and one great-grandson, Lane Hunt. Their son, Kenny is deceased. Earl is very grateful to the Kansas Oil & Gas Hall of Fame for including him in the inductees of 2015.



**Cletus ("Clet") Younger**  
**Mid States Sales & Service, Inc.**  
**Great Bend, KS**

'Clet' Younger will always be known to his friends and family for his

great sense of humor, his love of baseball, his dedication to his family, and his hard work and contributions to the Kansas oil and gas industry. From his earliest days in the oil patch, working for O'Neill Tank Company in Hays, Kansas, to owning his own oilfield production service company, Mid-States Sales and Service in Great Bend, Clet was proud to be part of the Kansas oil patch, a place where he not only made his living, but made life-long friends and left a lasting legacy.

Clet was born in Victoria, KS on August 26, 1928 to Andrew and Elizabeth (Mermis) Younger, Volga German families

who immigrated to Ellis County from the Volga River valley of Russia in the late 1870s and '80s. Growing up on a farm during the Great Depression with seven siblings, Clet learned at an early age the importance of hard work and long days. His father, as a young man, hauled loads of limestone blocks in a horse-drawn wagon to build the famous Cathedral of the Plains in Victoria, where Clet would later marry his wife of 61 years, Rose Amrein. Clet attended St. Fidelis grade school in Victoria and later Victoria high school, from which he graduated in 1946. He was a proud member of the Victoria Knights baseball and basketball teams during his high school days, and his ties to his hometown and his Volga German heritage would remain strong throughout his life.

From an early age, Clet loved to play baseball and developed into a good right-handed pitcher, playing after his school days for various local town teams in and around Ellis County. He was spotted by a scout and signed a contract to play in the minor league system of the Boston Red Sox. For several years, Clet played for various minor league teams in the South, from Florida, to Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma. Some of his favorite memories from his baseball-playing days were the two years he and his young family spent in Crowley, LA, where he played for the Crowley Millers in the Evange-

line League; they were league champions in 1952 and 1953. After his professional baseball days were over, Clet still enjoyed playing in old-timers games, coaching Little league teams, and watching baseball.

On September 25, 1949, Clet married Rose Amrein in the St. Fidelis Church in Victoria. They have three children: Jeanie Biggs, Glenda Gaunt and Gary Younger. They also have seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. As successful as Clet was in the oil and gas business, he was even more successful as a husband, father and grandfather. Clet always found time for his family, no matter how tired he was after a long day at the wrong end of a pipe wrench. Clet never had the opportunity to go to college, but liked to say that he graduated from the "School of hard knocks". He understood the importance of education and saw to it that his children had the opportunity he never had to attend college, sending all three of them to Kansas State University. Clet was a devoted Wildcat fan, who bled purple and enjoyed watching his beloved Wildcats play football and basketball while surrounded by friends and family.

Clet's career in the oil and gas business began in Hays, KS after his baseball-playing days ended, when he got a job with O'Neill Tank Company as a production roustabout. He spent a few years as a tank builder and crew chief of a roustabout crew, setting tank batter-

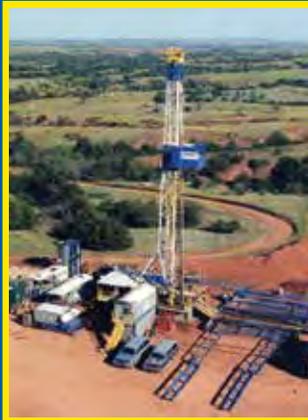
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ies and servicing production equipment. In the late 1950s Clet received a promotion to branch manager for O'Neill Tank in Great Bend, where he lived for the rest of his life. Clet liked nothing better than to tell a good joke or a funny story, and one he liked to tell involved a trip to Minot, ND in the middle of winter to build bolted tanks for O'Neill Tank Company. When he complained of the bitterly cold weather, the locals told him it was a bit cold, but the summers were nice, and if it fell on a weekend, they played baseball. Clet liked that. He also liked to say that he could fix anything but the crack of dawn and a broken heart; and those who knew him, believed that he could.

In 1974, Clet struck out on his own and started Mid-States Sales and Service, Inc. with one used 2 1/2 ton truck and trailer, one used roustabout crew truck and a 3/4 ton pickup. He rented a small shop and yard near 10th street and Highway 156 in Great Bend, which he quickly outgrew, leading to a move a little farther east on 10th street to a larger yard, with a small office building and welding shop. Again, this space quickly proved too small for his growing business, so Mid-States moved to its final location on Highway 281 south of Great Bend, where Clet bought 80 acres and built a new office building and a shop building, with a yard large enough to accommodate an inventory of tanks, treaters, separators, trucks

and trailers. For the next 20 years, Mid-States Sales and Service employed several roustabout crews and truck drivers in addition to welders and office workers, and sold and serviced oilfield production equipment throughout Kansas as well as parts of Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado, much of which is still in service. Clet also used his knack for shade tree ingenuity to design and build his own gas separators.

One of the things Clet liked most about the oil and gas business was the good people he met and the life-long friends he made. His days would start before 6 a.m. at the old Highland Manor Hotel restaurant on 10th street in Great Bend, which was always packed with other oil and gas people getting an early start to the day, many of whom were his friends and customers. Clet would often conduct business there over eggs and coffee, and would frequently leave with new orders for tank batteries or repair work on a leaky wood gun barrel. Work days did not end when he got home, as he spent most evenings on the telephone checking on the status of the day's work or getting orders from customers for new work. In addition to running his business, Clet also used his many contacts in the industry to invest in wells with his friends and clients.

Outside of work, Clet spent as much time as possible with his family. He spent many years coaching Little League bas-

ketball and baseball and American Legion baseball in Great Bend. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and enjoyed dancing to polka bands with his wife, Rose at German weddings and celebrations. After retiring, Clet spent many hours at his "shop" south of town, where he planted fruit trees and dug a small pond, which he stocked with catfish. His grandchildren have many fond memories of days at the "shop" with Grandma and Grandpa fishing, riding the pony Applejack, and puttering around in a golf cart, which Grandpa kept for just such occasions. Even in retirement, however, Clet could not stop working and tinkering. He spent many hours in his "shop" fixing and building things, and carving limestone fence posts from his family's farm in Ellis County to give to friends and family.

Clet passed away on December 20, 2011 and was buried in the St. Fidelis cemetery in Victoria. He is dearly missed by everyone who knew him, but his contributions to the Kansas oil and gas industry, and his legacy as a husband, father and friend, live on.



**Billy Morris, Jr.**  
1913-1994  
Bunker Hill, KS

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ing the Russell County oilfield operating from 1942-1973. Here is his story:

In 1942, Billy Morris Jr. owned a drug store in Webb City, Oklahoma, where he worked as a pharmacist. In October of the same year he was contacted by the Phillips Petroleum Company and offered a job at Russell, Kansas, to operate their natural gas distribution system in the oilfield around Russell. Phillips Petroleum knew Billy because he had worked several summers during his college years on their natural gas system in the oilfields of Osage County, OK. He was offered the job with the stipulation that he had to be in Russell the next day. Since he had a wife and small child, it was a very tough decision to embark on a new career on such short notice, but it seemed like a good choice so he took the job.

The Phillips Petroleum Company had about 12 miles of natural gas pipeline serving the oilfield southwest of Russell. His agreement with Phillips was that he would have a job as long as the system made a profit; it was currently losing money. After systematically checking the lines, he repaired a number of bad leaks and had the system in the black within six months. Within the next two or three years some of the major oil companies approached him to lay lines to their leases several miles to the east of the present system. He, in turn, asked Phillips if they were interested in extending their system

to these leases. They said they were not interested.

The major companies then asked Billy if he would lay the lines himself. He was able to convince a local banker to loan him enough money to allow him to lay three miles of line from a good gas well at the south end of Russell. After laying the initial three miles of line, more and more companies wanted him to extend his lines to them. He eventually ended up laying approximately 75 miles of distribution lines serving most of the oilfield in Russell County. Billy purchased the Phillips Petroleum system after about eight years of operating it, and named it Rural Gas System. He did not have any extra help to run this system until the late '40s. He operated the system from 1942 to 1973 when he sold it to Producers Gas Equities out of Hays. This in turn became a part of Midwest Energy.

During this time he probably knew more about the natural gas formations, locations and potentials than anyone in the area. He tested most every well in Russell County with a show of gas, for volume and quality of gas. He would then lay a gathering line to wells that were economically feasible for his distribution system. When rotary rigs took over from cable tool rigs, the gas zones were very rarely tested or discovered, and he eventually had to rely on transmission pipeline gas for his system.

With local wellhead gas, the oil producer could use natural gas at about one half the cost of propane and electricity. However, with the eventual reliance on transmission line gas, the cost escalated to about the same as the other fuels.

Billy was a very much hands-on operator. With his wife Marguerite doing the paperwork, he was able to spend most of his time in the field. Billy was a very friendly and easy-going man. He never knew a stranger, very seldom lost his temper, and was always more than willing to help anyone in need. His employees and customers always came first. He believed that, if at all possible, his employees were to work from 8 to 5. If there were any emergencies after these hours, Billy usually handled them himself, until later when his son, Bill was old enough to help. He spent many hours looking for leaks on customer lines at no extra charge. Even if the leak was a big one, he would usually just charge his customer the cost for the leaked gas.

Billy would stop at most every drilling rig he saw in the county to see if they had found any gas, and so usually got to hear the whole story, good or bad. He loved to tell stories of the big wells that came in around Russell County. He was acquainted with a sizable number of the men who became large independent oil producers from wells drilled in Russell County. Over the years he dabbled in the

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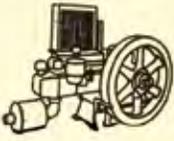
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production end of the business through various drilling interests. He never hit that big one, but he enjoyed the drilling activity a great deal, and found enough production to make a good living and keep him busy until he passed away in 1994. He loved the oil patch exploration excitement, and he certainly helped keep the Russell County oil activity going for over 30 years, especially during those critical war years from 1942 to 1945.



**Kenneth C. Gates**  
Pratt Well Service, Inc.  
Pratt, KS

Kenny was born on December 18, 1945 in Stafford, Kansas. He was three months old when his parents, Carl and Alma Gates entered into the well servicing business, known as Pratt Well Service. During his preschool years, Kenny already made mention of his intent to work in the oilfield. A company man, as Kenny recalls, asked him once what he was going to do when he grew up. Kenny replied: "I am going to work on a pulling unit during the day and drill at night", a clear indication that his heart and soul was in the oil field.

As a young man, Kenny's father allowed him to work in various areas of the oil field, gaining invaluable experience in this industry through his parents,

co-workers and actual work experiences. Kenny soon learned that responsibility and productivity leads to greatness and success. He was able to work as a roust-about, a rig hand, and eventually on a well service rig as operator. Kenny learned from his peers and soon earned their respect, following his father's footsteps in this tough industry.

Kenny pursued an education in the medical field after graduation from Pratt high school in 1963. He went on to attend Pratt Community College, and furthered his education at Wesley Medical Center, studying radiology technology. After completion, Kenny entered in to the military joining the U.S. Army where he was based in a large army hospital outside of Landstuhl in West Germany, where he spent two years working as a radiology technician in the cardiac catheterization lab.

After serving his country, Kenny returned to Pratt, unknowing to him the health of his father and that the business was phasing out.

Will, endurance, perseverance and a love for this company his parents had worked so hard to build, was the force driving Kenny to take the company from the point it was at to the level it is today. Kenny hit the ground running with the remaining employees, to turn the future of this company around. You have to know Kenny to realize that failure is not an option.

In 1972, at age 27, Kenny was elected president of the company. He succeeded in bringing Pratt Well Service, Inc. to its current high standing, and continues to preside as president of this well established and successful company in Pratt.

Kenny has fulfilled his young ambitions. His heart and soul is in the oil industry. In 1987, he introduced his son, Kevin into the industry—and they elected him vice president of the company in 2000.

Kenny's extensive knowledge and more than 44 years of experience in the well servicing business gives Pratt Well Service, Inc. the edge over their competitors.

His knowledge and success in the oil field industry has brought him numerous awards. In 2010 he received the Golden Rod Wrench award, which is the highest honor to be received by an individual within AESC for best in oil field.

Kenny joined AESC in 1970 and in the 2004-2005 year, at the time he and Carl were the only father-son national presidents, 40 years apart in the AESC history.

Kenny is a current AESC member and serves on the KIOGA board of directors. He also is chairman of the Kansas Workforce Area I board representing the Oil and Gas Industry, chairman of the Pratt City Planning Commission, and an active Elks member. He served on the advisory board of Southwind Hospice, currently serves as president, and is on the board of the Pratt High scholarship fund repre-

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What many people do not know is Kenny's generosity to those in unfortunate circumstances. On more occasions than we will ever know, he has provided people with the monetary means to face their troubles. He has entered into pledges for the betterment of the community and individuals needs, and supported individuals and families to better and improve their lifestyles and further their education.

Kenny plans to continue his current role as president in Pratt Well Service, Inc. and his many philanthropic endeavors.



**Timothy F. Scheck**  
**Scheck Oil Operations**  
**Russell, KS**

My background for the oil business started at an early age. I grew up in Gorham, Kansas where my father, Joe worked as a pumper for SOHIO (a division of Standard Oil Co.) from 1950 to 1964.

My first experience was going to work with my dad and my dog named Rover. At age 5 I started work with my dad. We would drive to his camp south of Gorham, known as the Gorham Pool. He would park his pickup truck and we walked to all 25 wells three times a day, carrying with us a shovel, hoe, grease gun and crescent wrench. There was never a weed or a drop of oil on any well or tank battery.

I graduated from Gorham high school in 1966, enlisted in the National Guard in 1967, and was on active duty from 1968 to 1971. In 1975 I graduated from Fort Hays State University with a Bachelor's Degree in business administration.

In 1975 I was employed by Koch Industries as their North Division office manager in Russell, KS. The division was in charge of five states; Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. Koch at that time was drilling wells in North Dakota and during my tenure from 1975 to 1979, Koch never drilled a dry hole. My position was in purchasing, and responsibilities included inventory purchases, annual budget and overseeing all purchases.

In 1975 I started taking an interest in oil wells with Corie Oil Co. in Russell. Carrol Mudd was the operator. The first year we drilled 13 wells and hit 11 out of the 13. These experiences helped me get started in the oil business.

In 1979 I started Big Three Drilling Inc. alongside Dean Miller, and Earl Wilson. Dean and Earl were operators of Southern States in Great Bend, KS. We built a new drilling rig in Lyle Casper Yard in Russell, and hired location welders and fabricated everything in Russell. We drilled

our first well in December, 1979. At that time, the drilling rig cost \$999,987.74, and we paid it off in two and a half years. Big Three Drilling sold the drilling rig in 2005. That same year, 1979, Francis Weigel and I also started a pulling unit service company in Gorham, called Gorham Well Service. In 1992 I bought Francis' interest in Gorham Well Service and continued to operate the company until 2004, when I sold out.

Purchasing and operating oil and gas leases around the state of Kansas is how Scheck Oil Operations was established in 1988. Today, Scheck Oil Operations operates more than 100 oil and gas wells, and also offers commercial oilfield trucking, a roustabout service, reconditioned drilling rigs and oilfield equipment, all while maintaining an oilfield machine shop. From 2005 to present, Scheck Oil Operations built 15 drilling rigs for companies in Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas.

I have been a member of the Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association (KIOGA) since 1995. I am currently the KIOGA chairman for the term of 2013-2015, and prior chairman of the membership committee for KIOGA, KIOGA board of directors, Member of DEPA, EKOGA, Elks lodge in Russell, KS, American Legion and Knights of Columbus.

I also served as the committee chairman for the building of the new Saint Mary Queen of Angels church in Russell, and am currently serving as the chairman for the building of the new rectory for the church, as well as supporting local activities that benefit the youth of the Russell community.

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