



Earl E. Burnett 1934 - 2024



It is with great sadness that Statek announces the passing of one of its founders and a beloved member of the Statek family. Earl E. Burnett was born in Oklahoma. He earned both his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of Oklahoma. After graduation, Earl moved to California to work for Autonetics. It was there that he met Juergen Staudte.

Earl left Autonetics June 1, 1970 to devote his full attention to the newly formed Statek Corporation. From the fall of 1970 to the spring of 1971, Statek was making product designs. In June of 1971, at the Frequency Control Symposium, Earl and Juergen were proud to see the first demonstration of the bi-polar watch oscillator from Microma with a Statek crystal in a low profile TO-5 package. By 1973, an additional building (Statek's current location) was needed to expand the manufacturing facilities. The additional space was needed to serve the standard product business and make room for the upcoming watch crystal business. Work started on the WX-2: the first crystal in a ceramic package, a major breakthrough in watch crystal packaging.

Earl was so much a part of Statek's growth and development that each additional production line was a personal accomplishment. After retiring in 2014, Earl continued to contribute to Statek's success by serving on its Board of Directors.

We remember Earl for his steadfast loyalty to Statek, to his friends and to all those who benefited from his kindness and words of wisdom. He will be greatly missed.

Our thoughts are with Earl's family, to whom we convey our deepest sympathy.

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