



UND School of Engineering and Mines ACADEMY

William G. Ness



Born: May 22, 1938, Gully, MN

Education: UND BSEE 1960

Career Experience

- 1960 - Electrical Engineer, Remington Rand Univac, St. Paul, MN
- 1961 - Chief Engineer, Dow Key Co., Thief River Falls, MN
- 1967 - Director of Engineering, Arctic Enterprises, Thief River Falls, MN
- 1983 - Chairman & CEO, Arctco Inc., TRF, MN
- 1983 - Chairman & CEO - Arctco, Inc. (Arctic Cat Inc.), Thief River Falls, MN
- 1986 - Chairman & Director - Arctic Cat, Inc., TRF, MN
- 2003 - Vice-Chairman & Director - Arctic Cat, Inc., TRF, MN
- 2004 - Founding Partner & Director - IBI, Bemidji, MN, and Partner in River Ridge Properties, Hudson, WI

Accomplishments

Instrumental in creating over 1,650 jobs, at Arctic Cat Inc., and many more at small vendors throughout Minnesota and North Dakota.

Held various corporate and education directorships:

- Mesaba Aviation, Minneapolis, MN
- Cold Weather Resource Center, International Falls, MN
- May Corporation, Minneapolis, MN
- Red River Trade Corridor, Crookston, MN
- Minnesota Higher Education Board
- Northern State Bank, Thief River Falls, MN
- ISIA, Washington, DC

Awards

- 1974 - Thief River Falls Outstanding Boss
- 1984 - *Snowmobile Magazine* Award
- 1989 - Thief River Falls Chamber of Commerce President's Award
- 1996 - Snowmobile Hall of Fame
- 2005 - UND Sioux Award

