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In Memory

Les D. Martin 1931 - 2005

It is with great sadness that The Consulting Engineers Group, Inc. announces the passing of Leslie D. Martin. Les passed away on Monday, April 25, 2005 in Bentonville, Arkansas.



Born in Lincoln, Nebraska to John (Jack) and Lucile Martin, Les received a BS in civil engineering from the University of Nebraska in 1954. After working briefly for a consulting engineering firm in Omaha, he was drafted into the U. S. Army, and spent two years in Texas and Washington. After the service, he worked for the Ken R. White Company in Denver as a structural engineer, and was the project engineer on a number of major projects, including some precast, prestressed concrete buildings. While there, he took several graduate courses in civil engineering at the University of Colorado. In 1963, he went to work for the Portland Cement Association, first as a general field engineer in Nebraska, and then as district structural engineer in Iowa.

In 1970 Les joined The Consulting Engineers Group (CEG) in the Chicago area where he worked for 25 years and served as president of the Chicago office. He became a very prominent technical contributor to the precast prestressed concrete industry while at CEG. In addition to managing numerous design projects for public and private clients, he was very active in the work of the Precast Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) and the American Concrete Institute (ACI). In September of 1970, CEG contracted with PCI to produce the first edition of the *PCI Design Handbook*, with Les as the project manager and technical editor. He also served as the technical editor for the second and third editions, and recently repeated his

editorial performance for the sixth edition. The sixth edition was dedicated in his honor at PCI Committee Days in April. Les was among the first group of PCI Fellows inducted in 1994. In 1992, he won the Robert J. Lyman Award for authoring the article on the "Design-Construction of the Connecticut Tennis Center" (January-February 1992 PCI JOURNAL). PCI granted him their highest honor in 2002, the PCI Medal of Honor and last year he was also recognized as a "Titan" for being one of the fifty most notable contributors to the precast prestressed concrete industry over the past fifty years.

In the past, Les chaired the Building Code Committee; the PCI JOURNAL Awards Committee, the Technical Activities Committee and the Prestressed Columns Committee, as well as serving on the PCI Board of Directors.

In 1995, he was appointed to the American Concrete Institute Committee 318, which produces the Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and chaired Subcommittee G, Precast and Prestressed Concrete. Les' work on the committee continually pressed for provisions that would make precast and prestressed concrete buildings safer, more economical, and easier to design and build.



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In addition to PCI and ACI, he was a member of ASCE and was a fellow in all three societies. He was a registered professional engineer in several states, and authored a number of publications.

Les and Vera, his wife of 52 years, lived in many different places, but in their hearts and souls they were always Nebraskans. After "retiring" (no one ever really retires at CEG), Les and Vera built a beautiful home in Bella Vista, Arkansas. In Bella Vista, Les and Vera became committed members of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, continuing their life-long devotion to their Lord and Savior. Les served in many leadership roles, and helped in many different ways. He was

very involved in the community through the church, through his love of golf, and through volunteer work.

Les was first and foremost a loving husband and father, and cherished time with his family. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his mother Lucile Martin of Grand Island, Nebraska; children, Jim and Kelly Martin of Kansas City, Russ and Ruth Martin of Memphis, Scott and Linda Martin of San Antonio, and Sharon and John Moe of Indianapolis; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and his brothers and sisters Carol and Bob Noah, Dianne and Dave Barker, Lanny and Sharon Martin, Tom and Kathy Martin, and Janet and Dale Benson.

Les was remembered in a service of worship at the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista on Thursday, April 28, 2005. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to the church, 1880 Forest Hills Blvd., Bella Vista, AR 72715 or the PCI Foundation/Les Martin Memorial, 209 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60606.

At CEG, Les was a colleague, co-worker, mentor, friend, and member of our CEG family for 35 years. He will be missed. He will never be forgotten.

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