

# DAVE DOEPKER

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Dave Doepker is a second generation family member involved in Doepker Industries Ltd. The Doepker organization began as a small blacksmith and repair shop in Anaheim, Saskatchewan in 1948. In the early 1990's, the company began manufacturing semi-trailers for the transportation industry. Today Doepker Industries Ltd. has a multitude of products for the agriculture, general commercial flat decks, aggregate, forestry and heavy industrial markets.

Dave graduated from the University of Saskatchewan (1974) with a Bachelor of Education and spent twelve years in the education field specializing in classroom music. He then began five years in the sales and management of an agricultural equipment business before returning to the family manufacturing company in 1987.

When his father retired in 1988 Dave became a member of the Doepker Industries Board of Directors and held Executive positions in the company as Director of Personnel, VP of Marketing, VP of International Business, President and Chairman of the Board.

Under Dave's leadership the Doepker team grew from approximately 25 employees to a peak of more than 500 in three manufacturing plants across Saskatchewan; Anaheim, Moose Jaw and Saskatoon.

Dave's passion has always been with the sales and marketing side of the business. His goal, and that of the organization, is to work with Doepker customers to provide them with a product that will make their own businesses successful.

Today, the Doepker brand is well known throughout Canada and parts of the USA. The company has been recognized by the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce with various Abex Awards, has been inducted into the Saskatchewan Business Hall of Fame, is listed in the Top 100 Companies in Saskatchewan by Saskatchewan Business magazine, and is in the Top 25 Trailer Manufacturers in North America.

Dave has participated both as a Board member and volunteer in many organizations over the years with ambitions of making this province a better place. A few such organizations are the Humboldt Hospital Foundation, St. Peter's College Capital Campaign, Action Humboldt, JCI, and Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce. Always striving towards continuous learning, Dave has found many benefits from his membership in CAFE (Canadian Association of Family Enterprises) and TEC (The Executive Committee - an international group of CEO's).

Dave and his wife of 45 years, Vi, live in Humboldt. They have two children; Robert in Saskatoon and Mara (with her husband Kirby and sons Jacob and Daniel) in Humboldt.

Inducted into  
The Saskatchewan Transportation Hall of Fame  
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