



NEIL WINTERS RETIRES AFTER 42 YEARS AT GREENVILLE TOOL & DIE



Pictured Above left to right: Ashton (grandson), Neil, Keaton (grandson), and Wendy (wife)

Neil Winters retired from Greenville Tool & Die on April 1st with 42 years of full-time employment. Prior to turning 16 he was mowing lawns in the summer. One of his lawns was that of Glenn Tanner, whom just happened to be the dayshift foreman at Greenville Tool & Die. Neil's father, Markis Winters, also worked at GTD so Neil had an instant "in" once he turned 16. Neil started in the co-op program with Greenville Tool in July of 1975, while attending Greenville High School. He has fond memories of working with Dave Bailey out at Avalon Park. Stan and Blanche Ash, owners of GTD at that time, lived on Burgess Lake where Avalon Park was. Neil and Dave would mow the grass, put in the docks, and put up the water slide. Blanche would come down with cookies and a cold pop to make them take a break. She would also demand they take a swim in the lake to cool off. Neil and Dave tried to explain that Stan would not allow such a thing and Blanche would come right back with, "Well today I'm the boss." Neil also recalls that all the neighborhood kids would gather at Bill and Betty Arntz's house, because they had a cement driveway to play basketball, and a lake to fish from. Bill was the vice-president of GTD at that time.

In June 6, 1977, Neil began full-time employment with GTD. He received his journeyman's card in September of 1981. Neil spent the next 10-12 years building dies. In 1994, he moved into the CNC milling department where he continued to utilize his skills and expertise to help GTD advance our capabilities in the CNC mill department and also share his knowledge and ideas with our engineering & tool pathing department. Neil also became a vital part of our training process for the new apprentices learning the CNC mills and tool pathing.

Neil has been married to his beautiful wife Wendy for just over 39 years. They have 2 daughters, Aimee and her husband Paul, and Ashley and her husband Nate. In addition, they also have one son Jacob. Along with that comes grandchildren. Neil and Wendy have 5 grandchildren, 4 boys and 1 girl. Neil enjoys hunting, woodworking, and his grandchildren. He said the grandchildren are the biggest enjoyment in his life.

Some of the changes Neil has seen in the 42 years here at GTD are technology, computers, CNC mills vs manual machining, and engineering technology. Neil says seeing the project from beginning to finish has always been rewarding. He admits he misses the days of duplicating machines, Lucas, OKK's, Bridgeport's, squaring up blocks, and lathe turning round stock for wheel covers and trim rings. When asked what he will miss the most here at GTD, Neil was quick to say the people. He also wanted to say that he can't thank Stan and Blanche Ash and Bill Arntz enough for all their support, entrepreneurship, and philanthropy over the many years.

Neil, thank you for your many years of service to Greenville Tool & Die. On behalf of all of us here at GTD, it has been a pleasure to work with you Neil and we wish you and Wendy many years of good health and prosperity in your retirement. We are going to miss you!



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GREENVILLE TOOL & DIE CLOSED MAY 27TH



REMEMBRANCE

Greenville Tool & Die will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day. Thank you to the men and woman of the Armed Services whom have made the ultimate sacrifice, and the families who live with their loss.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

GREENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAREER FAIR

Happy Birthday to the following Greenville Tool & Die employees on:

- May
- 1.....Don Orr
- 1.....Nate Akin
- 6.....Trenton Heintzelman
- 7.....Dan Gasper
- 9.....Bill Patterson
- 10.....Kevin Coon
- 12.....Dan Potter
- 12.....Tyler Baker
- 18.....Brian Lake
- 18.....Mark Heintzelman
- 30.....Brett Tomkinson
- 30.....Branden Luscher



The Montcalm Career Fair held April 17th at Greenville High School was a success with many new employers present. Pictured left to right is GTD Apprentice Tool & Diemakers Branden Luscher and John Meyer. Also helping but not pictured were Apprentice Tool & Diemaker Chad Reed and Die Designer Nick Tillottson.

MCC QUALITY CONTROL CLASS

SERVICE AWARDS



Montcalm Community College's Quality Control Class with Instructor Bill Small toured Greenville Tool & Die on April 4th. Thank you to our tour guide Brian Brasington and presenters; Simulation-Dwayne MacLaren, Design-Roland Demorest, Tool Path-Rob McGill, Quality Control-Tim Adkinson. Special thanks to the MCC Quality Control students for your interest in the tool and die trade.



May 16th - Matt Caverley - 25 years
May 17th - Dave Scott - 30 years

Thank you both for your commitment and the accomplishments you have brought to Greenville Tool & Die.

SAFETY MEETING

Safety & Suggestion Meeting
Wednesday, May 29TH @ 3:30pm
May committee members are:

Bill Draper Roland Demorest
Tyler Peterman Justin Priest

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on
Tuesday, May 14th
12:30pm - 5:45pm

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