

TED N MAGEE

October 12, 1935 – August 18, 2022

It is with a heavy heart that the employees of Magee Plastics Company wish to announce our founder, our leader, our guiding force, Ted N. Magee has passed away.

We would like to honor Ted with a brief history of his company.

On December 3, 1968, Ted Magee resigned his position as Vice President with Tri-State Plastics in Coraopolis, PA, and Magee Plastics was born. Ted operated his new company out of his home, on Marie Drive in Pittsburgh, PA, utilizing the garage as his workshop and a typewriter in the bedroom as his office. Ted's wife, Mary Lou Magee, was working at TWA in Sales and Ticketing, and also as Ted's secretary. The company's first customer was Allegheny Airlines, and their first order was for 100 each DC-9 pilot/co-pilot sun visors, a new design of Ted's.

In the spring of 1968, Ted came across an old manufacturing plant on Camp Horne Road in the North Hills of Pittsburgh. Ted used his charisma to convince the owner to let him move his fledgling company into the location rent free. Soon after, Ted hired Earl Bauer (who is still with us) and others, to allow himself to concentrate on sales. It was soon afterwards that Mary Lou resigned her position of 15 years at TWA, to also focus all her time with Magee Plastics. In that summer, Ted incorporated the business with several investors.

In early 1973, Ted decided the company needed its own building, so after discussions with a local contractor, a new building was built to Ted's specifications, at 535 Rochester Road, Pittsburgh. Employees moved into the new building in October of that year.

As the company grew, thanks in part to the relationship Ted had forged with Allegheny Airlines, Ted and Mary Lou moved to the San Francisco area to open another branch of Magee Plastics in 1974. It was their hope to forge a close relationship with United Airlines. As business continued to grow, another facility was opened in Miami, in 1978. Meanwhile, the Pittsburgh facility soon outgrew their building. An architect was hired, and with help from the Regional Industrial Development Corporation (R.I.D.C.), and the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, land was purchased, and a new building was built at 303 Brush Creek Road, Warrendale PA, in 1980/1981.

In time, Ted purchased back all the shares of the company. Magee Plastics was truly a family affair, with his wife, Mary Lou, handling the administrative duties, and all three of his children, Kevin, Kelly and Sean, working in various positions.

Ted and Mary Lou worked tirelessly, traveling all over the United States, and Europe, to promote Magee Plastics and our products, but mostly they sold Ted's ability to engineer anything the customer wanted or needed for their aircraft. Ted demanded quality products and unwavering professionalism from all those who worked for Magee Plastics Company.

The Miami facility was closed in 1983, and the Warrendale facility was expanded to absorb the closing of the San Francisco operation in 1994. Magee Plastics continued to grow under Ted's visionary leadership and Mary Lou's steady day to day guidance and another addition was added in 2000.

Through the years, our parts list has grown from one, to thousands, and our customer list has grown from Allegheny Airlines to airlines worldwide, numerous distributors, third party maintenance companies, and most major airplane manufacturers. Magee Plastics has branched out into the rail industry (locomotive, street car and rail car interiors) and does numerous projects for manufacturers who need vacuum formed parts. This growth has been due to Ted's vision, determination, zeal for quality parts, value, engineering, responsiveness, and his demand to provide expert service.

In 2016, Ted and Mary Lou decided to retire, after 48 years.

We the employees, past and present, owe Ted Magee a debt of gratitude, for he has built for us a thriving business, a stellar reputation, a visually stunning building, quality equipment and a love of this company that he and Mary Lou started in their home some 54 years ago.

To the Magee family, we would like to express our deepest sympathy, words cannot express our feelings, nor can they take away the pain you are experiencing. A true pioneering entrepreneur has been lost, and those who knew him will miss him.