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ACPA Honors Bill Cape as Hartmann-Hirschman Award Recipient

The American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA) presented its distinguished Hartmann-Hirschman Award (posthumously) to William R. "Bill" Cape (1951 - 2002), President, James Cape & Sons Company, Racine, Wisc.

In a poignant ceremony attended by members of the Cape family in Indian Wells, California, friends and allies recalled him as a tireless advocate of concrete pavement, an inventor, mentor, teacher, and friend. Cape guided others by example, as well as through word and actions, mixing equal parts of philosophy, hands-on training, and humor to improve concrete paving, as well as the concrete pavement industry.

In presenting the award, Ron Guntert, Jr., President of Guntert & Zimmerman Const. Div., Inc., Ripon, Calif., and Kevin McMullen, P.E., President of the Wisconsin Concrete Pavement Association, Madison, Wisc., hailed Cape for his many contributions to the industry, while also recalling his bold leadership, strong personal character, and wry sense of humor.

Gunttert spoke about how his relationship with Cape evolved from one of customer and supplier to one of friendship. He recalled how Cape, persevered as a business leader, father, and friend, even after the death of his first wife and in spite of his own health problems.

McMullen described Cape as a tenacious and bold leader and innovator, adding that he easily could recall more than two dozen milestone accomplishments during Cape's lifetime. He described how Cape once arrived at a meeting after staying up all night to work on a bid letting, and then delivered an eloquent presentation—aided only by a single note card.

After receiving the award, Cape's widow, Jennifer described her husband as a person whose true persona was masked by an image of brashness. In reality, she said, he was a passionate person who had a thirst for knowledge, who gave generously of himself, and who was steadfastly devoted to his family. With a thirst for knowledge and a passion for concrete paving, she said, he still found abundant time to spend abundant with his family. She recalled Cape's devotion to his two sons and other family members. "When it was 5 o'clock, it was time for family," she said.

In presenting the Hartmann-Hirschman award, the American Concrete Pavement Association formally recognized Cape as an innovative thinker and a passionate advocate for the concrete pavement industry. Cape served as a member of the Board of Directors of ACPA for many years, as well as a leading force behind the Wisconsin Concrete Pavement Association.

Also in Honor of Cape

In addition to the Hartmann-Hirschman award, the concrete pavement industry also honors Bill Cape through an academic scholarship program organized under the Concrete Pavement Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) corporation

The William R. Cape scholarship award is presented to upperclassmen or graduate students endeavoring in the field of civil engineering, particularly with an emphasis on concrete pavement construction, design, or research. The award is granted to students who demonstrate leadership and proactive involvement in the realm of civil engineering, as evidenced by work experience, internships, societal or association involvement, and the like.

The award is presented in the name of the student(s) and made payable toward tuition, books, and related fees associated with an approved course of study. Special consideration is given to applicants with a demonstrated interest in concrete pavements or concrete pavement research.

About the Hartmann-Hirschman Award

The Hartmann-Hirschman Award, which recognizes individuals or companies/organizations for excellence and meritorious service to the concrete pavement industry, is one of the most coveted

awards presented by the American Concrete Pavement Association. Since the award was first presented in 1968, this is fourth time it was presented to a recipient posthumously.

The award was first presented in 1968 in honor of Harold W. Hartmann. In 1987, Robert E. Hirschman's name was added to the award. Both men demonstrated leadership and tireless dedication to the concrete pavement industry, having shaped both the industry and the American Concrete Pavement Association.

ACPA's more than 500 members include paving contractors, cement companies, equipment manufacturers, material and service suppliers, ready-mixed concrete producers, allied associations/organizations, bonding and insurance companies, consulting firms, and other allied organizations and individuals.

Regional chapters and state paving associations represent members in marketing/promotion, government affairs, and research/technical support associated with concrete pavements used for highways, airports, streets, and roads.

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