

C.E. "Doc" Cornutt Pampa High School Class of 1967



C. E. "Doc" Cornutt has a rich heritage in Pampa, having grandparents C. P. "Doc" and Rachel Pursley and parents Jim and Dona Cornutt who were and are respected Pampa civic leaders. Doc was born April 18, 1949 in Pampa and his growing up years were spent living in the same house where his mother, Dona, currently resides at 1330 Duncan. The Cornutt home is across the street from the two places that influenced Doc the most: Mary Ellen Harvester Church of Christ and Pampa High School with its classrooms, football field and track. Cornutt was active in many areas at PHS: Captain of the Harvester football team and All District Tackle in 1966-67; 4th place in state track and field in shot put; a member of the National Honor Society, and an honors graduate from Pampa High School in 1967. Doc was also honored by the Key Club and Rotary Club for his citizenship and scholarship; plus, he had singing roles in various high school musicals.

He graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1971 from Abilene Christian University with a B. S. Degree in Business Administration and was a CPA with Arthur Anderson & Co. from 1971 to 1973. It was at ACU that he met his wife of almost 30 years, Linda Sue Core of San Antonio, and they are the proud parents of three children: Sara, Chris and Shelly.

In 1973, Doc began a 28 year association with the Hunt Family serving in various capacities with Hunt Consolidated. From 1973 to 1983, Cornutt helped organize Hunt's real estate company, Woodbine Development Corporation, where he served as Executive Vice President. Woodbine developed such well-known projects as the Hyatt Regency Dallas, Reunion Tower, and the Hyatt Regency Fort Worth, and refurbished the historic Union Station. From 1983 to 1993 Cornutt served as Chief Financial Officer of Hunt Oil Company, an independent oil company with worldwide operations. From 1984 to 1997, he was also Chairman of Hunt Refining Company, Hunt's independent refining company headquartered in Alabama and serving the southeastern United States. Since 1993, he served as President of Hunt's real estate investment company, Hunt Realty Corporation, and private investment vehicle, Hunt Financial Corporation, along with their parent company Hunt Investment Corporation.

In February 1997 Doc became President of Argent Property Company, an organization he formed in partnership with an affiliate of Hunt Realty Corporation in Dallas to develop and invest in strategically located business industrial parks, industrial properties, and industrial portfolio companies. Argent has

developed and leased two of the largest industrial buildings in the Dallas-Fort Worth area at Argent's 165 acre Frankford Trade Center business park. Argent was recently honored by the Dallas Business Journal as one of the top 10 industrial companies in the Dallas Metroplex area.

Cornutt's involvement in civic affairs includes serving on the Board of Trustees at Abilene Christian University and the board of directors of Goodwill Industries of Dallas, Inc. He is a former chairman of the board of Dallas Christian Schools, has served on the board of the National Association of Office Parks, and has been involved in various other professional associations, including the American Petroleum Institute, The Real Estate Council, and the Urban Land Institute. His previous civic activities include United Way, Leadership Dallas, Strategic Issues Committee of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, and the Economic Development Advisory Board for the City of Dallas. Doc is also a Metroplex Region Advisory Board Director of Chase Bank of Texas, N. A.

Doc Cornutt is an active elder and member of Skillman Avenue Church of Christ in Dallas, where he worships with his family. The strong sense of community provided by so many people of Pampa has greatly blessed and influenced his life, and helped him make the decision that the priorities in his life would be

God, family and serving others.