

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Donald L. Harwell

PERSON

Harwell, Donald L., 1946-

Alternative Names: Donald L. Harwell;

Life Dates: January 19, 1946-May 8, 2021

Place of Birth: Los Angeles, California, USA

Work: Salt Lake City, UT

Occupations:

Biographical Note

Vice President of Sales for PowerStream, Inc., Donald Lyle Harwell was born on January 19, 1946, in Los Angeles, California, to Andrew L. Harwell and Veronica Rodrigueuz. As a youth, Harwell attended 42nd Street Elementary School in Los Angeles. He went on to graduate from Susan Miller Dorsey High School where he was a member of the football and track teams. Harwell attended East L.A. Junior College before receiving a football scholarship to attend California State University in Los Angeles.

After completing a course in scuba diving, Harwell became a certified scuba diving instructor and earned a position with Pacific Diver Supply in Long Beach, California. He served in that capacity, instructing high school students in Orange County and Los Angeles County until 1971. Then, in 1974, Harwell founded California Concepts providing wooden aquarium stands to department stores in southern California. In 1978, Harwell was hired as a salesman for Rotron Fans and designed the cooler for the SR 71 Blackbird reconnaissance aircraft. Harwell later moved to Colorado to work for Howard Fans in 1980. While in Colorado, he was recruited as an independent sales representative and later worked for Component Well until 1995.

Harwell moved to Utah and served as a chaplains assistant at the Utah State Prison in 1986. In 1992, he served on the corrections advisory council. In 1996, Harwell was influential in the reemergence of the Genesis Group, a missionary group that works to provide spiritual strength to its members. He went on to become the organization's president in 2003. Harwell also served as the director for the Adult Probation and Parole Citizens Review Board helping to promote integrity and accountability in ex-cons.

Harwell was Vice President of Sales for PowerStream, Inc. and served on the Stake High Council of the Midvale Utah Union.

Harwell lived with his wife, Jerri, and their six children in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Harwell was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on March 15, 2008.

Harwell passed away on May 8, 2021.

Related Entries

Susan Miller Dorsey High School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

42nd Street Elementary School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

East Los Angeles College [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

California State University, Los Angeles [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Component-Well Inc. [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

Founder and Owner

PowerStream Technology [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

Vice President of Sales

California Concepts [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

Founder and Owner

Pacific Divers Supply [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

Genesis Group [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Member