

Lannes “Lanny” C. Williamson



Lannes “Lanny” C. Williamson was born August 27, 1944, in Huron, Ohio. Williamson grew up on a dairy farm tasked with common farm chores before and after school. His parents sold the dairy when he was in college and founded Lannes Williamson Pallets, Inc.

In 1970, after finishing college and teaching, he returned to the family business. He became president of the business after his parents’ deaths and remained so until 2012 when he made the difficult decision to close. The customers and inventory were successfully sold to Millwood, contingent on Williamson continuing on as a consultant. While President, Williamson kept the spotlight on the industry by bringing innovation and expansion to the business through computerization of the manufacturing equipment used to produce wood pallets. Additionally, the company sold veneer logs, purchased standing timber and manufactured and sold high grade lumber. Throughout the years, the business received numerous recognitions and had customers spanning the Kanawha Valley, Huntington, Parkersburg and Columbus.

Williamson often used his time to educate on environmental and forest protection measures. Williamson has served on the Forest Management Review Commission, as well as various West Virginia Division of Forestry committees. He also served on the WV Forestry Association board for multiple years, including two terms as president.

In 2012, Williamson received the Community Service Award from the Mason County Chamber of Commerce where he is a member and director. He has also served 25 years on the board of directors of the Mason County Fair.

Williamson continues to be an ambassador for the forestry and wood manufacturing industry, using any opportunity to promote forestry education. He attends the Bellemead United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Judy, are parents to two sons, grandparents to six, and great grandparents to two.