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'HUTCH' HUTCHISON DIES

Mahlon ("Hutch") Hutchison, Jr., Personal Shop Operations Manager in Mobile Communications Manufacturing, died at 1:45 a.m., Tuesday, May 26, 1987 at the Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C. He had undergone heart bypass surgery on Thursday, May 21.

A veteran of nearly 35 years with GE, Hutch joined the company in 1952 as a Machinist Toolmaker Apprentice in the Component Products Department in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He became a Tool Maker, and later a Maintenance and Facilities Planner. In 1957 he entered the Manufacturing Management Program, and held assignments at Fort Wayne; Warren, Ohio; Utica, N.Y.; Lynn, Mass.; and Pittsfield, Mass.

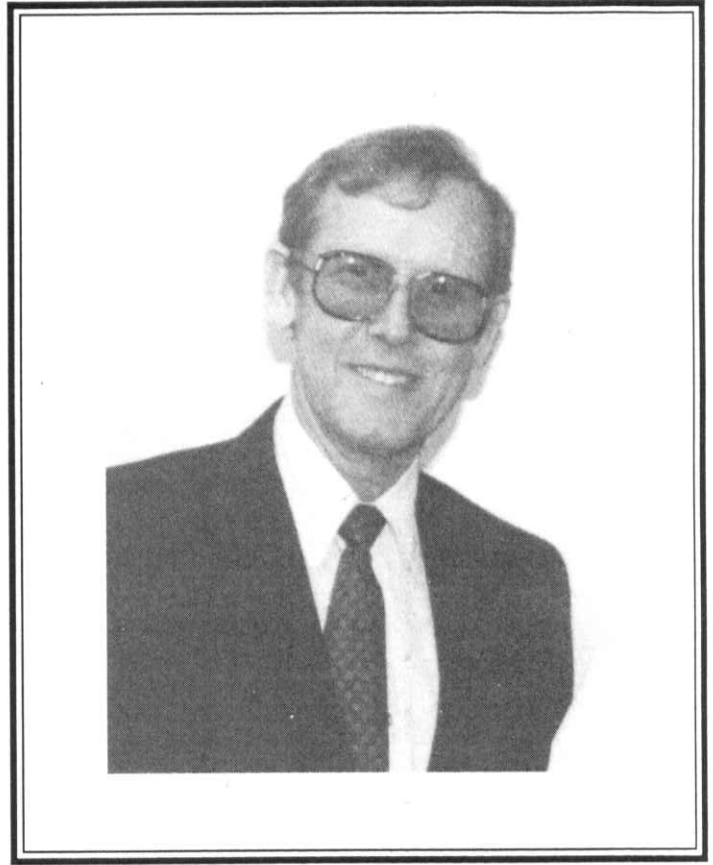
Following graduation from MMP, Hutch came to Lynchburg in 1960 as a Manufacturing Development Engineer for the Communication Products Department. In the years to follow he was promoted first to Manager - Tooling, Methods and Time Standards, then to Manager - Producibility Engineering/Tooling & Methods Shop, later to Manager - Advance Manufacturing Engineering, and to Manager - Manufacturing Engineering.

In the early 1970s he held a variety of Mobile Radio Shop Operations positions, including responsibility for Personal Radio Assembly at the Carroll Avenue Plant. In 1975 he was named Manager - Timberlake Plant, Shop Operations, and continued in this position for the next ten years. In 1985, the Personal Radio Shop Operations were moved to the Mountain View Road Plant where he has been located since that time.

Hutch has been described as an experienced, effective manager whose ability is recognized not only in Manufacturing but throughout the business. He was also known as a strong and effective communicator, and a thought leader often assigned to special business task forces. Until just a few days prior to his death, he continued to be the team leader and driving force behind the successful completion of the Pan Am commitment for MCB.

Hutch served in the Indiana Air National Guard and attended Purdue University. He has taken many business-related courses, both at Mountain View Road and at GE's training center at Crotonville, N.Y. In the community he has served as Board Member of the United Way and in 1973 received the United Way Man of the year award in Fund Raising.

He was Board President for Junior Achievement in Lynchburg for three years, Board President of the Music Wing of the Fine Arts Center for two years, and Fund Raising Chairman for the Girl Scouts. Last year he was named "Business Associate of the Year" by the local chapter of the American Business Women's Association.



He was an elder of Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church and taught Sunday School there for many years. He was also a member of the coordinating council and chairman of the planning and budget work unit of Blue Ridge Presbytery. He was a 32nd degree Mason of the Edward N. Eubank Lodge.

He and his wife, Lily Colby Hutchison, lived at Bass Cove, Smith Mountain Lake. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his mother, Helen Mahaffey Hutchison, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and two sons, Mahlon G. Hutchison, Raleigh, N.C., and G. Thomas Hutchison, Smith Mountain Lake; and his maternal grandmother, Harriet Mahaffey, Kokomo, Ind.

A funeral service will be held Friday, May 29, at 11 a.m. in Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Bernard K. Bangley. Interment will be in Fort Wayne, Ind., at a later date.

The family will receive friends at Diuguid Waterlick Chapel Thursday, May 28, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church, the American Heart Fund or Duke University Medical Center in Durham.