

Joe Galowich: A Life of Achievement

Joe Galowich spent more than 50 years of his life in the trucking business. Because of his long history and mountain of accomplishments during that time, a group of his UTA friends joined together to nominate him posthumously for this year's Lifetime Achievement Award. It is bittersweet to introduce you to his long and successful career knowing he will no longer be there to accept an award, but a life as full of trucking experience as his was deserves to be considered for recognition.

When Joe completed his service in the U.S. Army he started working on trucks. After a year in the shop, his next step was a job hauling products for an agricultural manufacturing company. He spent 20 years with the firm before he decided to step out on his own. During that time, he was recognized for more than two million miles without an accident or an incident! He entered the CAT Economy Challenge in 1981 and finished second in this national event.

With the arrival of his first son, being home became more important than ever to Joe. In 1983 Galowitch Trucking was born. The company started with two gravel trucks hauling locally. It went on to grow to 11 trucks, including flatbeds, reefers, and dry vans hauling across the country. During that time, Joe also worked with Circle Business Credit, picking up their repos and reconditioning them for

resale. He was the first independent contractor nominated for the American Trucking Association's Road Team Award. In the mid-90's, Joe made another career move when he went to work for Rockford Kenworth as their used truck manager. In this position, he was asked to join the Kenworth Advisory Council where he served for the next 11 years, the longest serving member of the council. He also became a member of the Kenworth and Peterbilt 10 groups.

In 1998 Joe and his family relocated to Phoenix, AZ when he accepted an offer with Inland Kenworth as their Corporate Used Truck Manager. He and his family enjoyed life in the Southwest, and Joe enjoyed introducing his now grown sons, Greg and David, to his passion for motorcycles. While in this position, Joe was especially honored to have received the UTA's Dealer of the Year Award. In his acceptance speech, Joe summed up his experience with the group and shared his passion for his work. "I have made many great friends and fond memories," he said. "I have always strived to live up to the standards of the UTA, of my faith, and my own integrity."