



## **William T. Crowder, Jr. (Bill)**

*Lee College of Engineering, Bachelor's Civil Engineering, 1975*

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Bill Crowder is a Charlotte native who graduated from Garinger High School in 1966 and Wingate College in 1968 before attending North Carolina State University.

He served in the United States Army from 1970 to 1973, then returned to earn a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering at UNCC in 1975. Bill married another Charlottean, Pamela McLaughlin, in 1970.

They have two sons, Will who is 36, married to the former Jennifer Kurtz, and has a son William; and Ben who is 34, married to the former Candace Mott and has a son, Carson and daughter MaKenzie.

Bill began work full time with Crowder Construction Company in 1975, working many years in the field. In the early 1980's he moved into the corporate office.

The work in the field is still Bill's first love in construction, thus he remains heavily involved with operational and personnel issues at Crowder. Now Crowder's Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President, he is responsible for the Company's Safety Program, equipment and maintenance program, training and personnel development, and overall operations coordination.

Bill has served in many capacities with the Carolinas AGC from Board member to Committee chair and has also served on several committees with the National AGC. From 1990 to 1992 Bill was a member of the Advisory Council for the Department of Construction Management at East Carolina University and was on the Engineering Advisory Council at UNCC and has served on the Board of Visitors at Wingate University.

A lifelong Presbyterian, Bill is an Elder at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church. Bill is a past Board Member of Charlotte Rescue Mission and is currently serving a second term on the Board of Alexander Youth Network. Over the years, Bill has led and organized response to many natural disasters from floods to tornadoes to hurricanes.

For this work he has been recognized by the President of the United States, received the Governor's Award for Volunteer Service, was awarded the State of North Carolina's Order of the Long Leaf Pine, and after hurricane Hugo, represented all of the volunteers as Grand Marshall at the Carolina Carousel Parade. And, in 1991 he received the Golden Hammer Award from the Charlotte Chapter of Professional Construction Estimators Association.

Bill also served as Executive Chair of the Charlotte area Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk for the Cure in 2011.