

# James F. Stevenson

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*Class of 1942*



James Stevenson put his chemical engineering expertise to practical use with marketing skills gained at Harvard Business School. His pioneering research in the manufacture of corrugated cardboard containers led to his holding patents on the preparation of fibrous finishes to control distortion or warping of the containers.

An internationally recognized authority in his field, his counsel was sought on techniques and equipment that allowed a high-quality, cost-effective, continuous manufacturing process of cardboard containers. He conducted seminars for management groups in such places as Japan, Brazil, Australia, Greece, Switzerland and Taipei, traveling more than 300,000 miles a year.

Before founding his own company in 1970, he held managerial positions with Mead Corporation, having managed the Lynchburg Board Mill and the Wheelwright Paper Mill and serving as assistant director of their Corporate Technical Services. Stevenson was chairman of technical programs for the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry (TAPPI) and the recipient of its Silver Award in 1978.

He actively participated in civic affairs, including service as director for the local United Way. He was honored by TAPPI as its Man of the Year.

He passed away Feb. 19, 2010.

*Additional Education: Harvard Business School*