

Farewell, Bill!

Triad honors Vice President Bill Gardner as he retires after more than 30 years of service

Employees past and present gathered on July 9 to celebrate the career of Triad's first driller, Bill Gardner, who is retiring to enjoy a new chapter in his life with his family in Preston County, WV. Bill, who came to Triad in 1977 as a Staff Geologist, has served as the Morgantown Drilling Manager since 1982 and is a longstanding member of the firm's Board of Directors.

When Bill began drilling operations for Triad, he hauled rigs across the state of WV with just a pick-up truck. Since, Triad's drilling operations have expanded considerably and become a key component to the firm's mineral reserve, geotechnical, environmental and construction projects throughout the region. Over the years, Bill and his crews have served clients including coal and energy companies, state and local agencies, contractors, and fellow engineering firms with specialized services including river borings, slurry impoundment sampling, creating mountain roads to bring water to inaccessible sites, and installing monitoring wells ranging from shallow depths to those over 350 feet. They performed these tasks in heat waves and blizzards, across some of the most treacherous terrains this area has to offer, and they did it with dedication, perseverance and the utmost professionalism.

Bill's party was filled with smiles, laughs and good memories. Known for being a private and modest man, Bill did his best to accept the spotlight and thanked everyone for the many years of friendship and camaraderie. Fortunately, however, we will still get to see Bill around the office for a little while longer as he transitions his duties to John Haynes, P.E., who is transferring from Triad's St. Albans Geotechnical Department to take over the position of Drilling Manager.

The Morgantown office is excited about John's arrival, and looks forward to the continued quality and success of our drilling operations under his leadership. John joined Triad 20 years ago as a Drill Helper, and has worked in our Drilling, Surveying, Field Services and Geotechnical Engineering departments. He holds bachelor's degrees in Mechanical and Civil Engineering from the West Virginia Institute of Technology, and is a Registered Professional Engineer (P.E.) and Certified Monitoring Well Installer in the state of West Virginia.

Bill, we appreciate the hard work, dedication and friendship we have shared with you over the years. Thank you for all you have done. Best wishes for a long, healthy and happy retirement – we will miss you!



Mr. William M. (Bill) Gardner