



F.H. "MICK" MERELLI, founder and former Chairman of Cimarex Energy, passed away August 12, 2012. He was 76 years old. He was also Chairman, President and CEO of Cimarex's predecessor company, Key Production Company. He was a longtime oilman with a distinguished career that spanned over fifty years from his days as a field engineer fresh out of Colorado School of Mines, to executive roles with Terra Resources, Apache Corp., Key Production and Cimarex.

It was his leadership, vision and discipline that propelled Cimarex from an organization of a handful of people to the \$6 billion company it is today. Mick challenged people to do their best, to objectively measure results and to use those measurements to make better decisions. He fostered debate and promoted a culture of innovation, independent thought and personal initiative which attracted the talented staff seen at Cimarex today.

His business philosophy was simple — create real value for shareholders. He believed it was his responsibility to not only make Cimarex more profitable, but also genuinely better. He pushed those around him to do the same. When he died at his beloved ranch in Conifer, Colorado, his wish was for Cimarex to continue that course and to thrive.

