

Leo C. Sutterfield, Mountain View



Leo Sutterfield was a cattleman, a businessman and an advocate for his hometown of Mountain View and the rural areas of Arkansas.

Sutterfield served nine years as chairman of the Arkansas Beef Council and was an Arkansas representative on the Cattlemen's Beef Board, the national administrative body for the beef checkoff program. He served 15 years on the Arkansas Farm Bureau state board of directors, where he chaired the beef commodity division and guided the organization's audit committee.

Sutterfield served as market president for First Service Bank in Mountain View for 12 years, having been instrumental in opening the bank in 2005. Prior to that, he was on the staff of the Bank of Mountain View, where he served as vice president for 10 years. He was previously a partner in a True Value Hardware store in Mountain View for 13 years. He also operated his own tax and bookkeeping service, served as fiscal director for the Ozark Folk Center State Park when it first opened and also taught math at Mountain View and Fifth Six schools.

Sutterfield was instrumental in bringing municipal water to his rural community through establishment of the Richwoods Water Association. He also helped form the Dodd Mountain Volunteer Fire Department. He was president of the Stone County Medical Center Advisory Board and a member of the Whit River Health System Board. As a member of the Jaycees and later the Stone County Library Board, he was instrumental in securing funding for the construction of the Stone County Recreation Complex and the public library. He served as finance chairman for the Arkansas Craft School, a non-profit dedicated to preservation and instruction of arts and crafts indigenous to the Ozarks. He was past president of the Mountain View Area Chamber of Commerce and a board member of Stone County Abuse Prevention Center.

In 2005, Sutterfield was honored as Distinguished Citizen by the Mountain View Area Chamber of Commerce.

The McCallister-Sutterfield Farm was designed as an Arkansas Century Farm during the program's first year in 2012.

When Leo Sutterfield left this earth on Sept. 13, 2017, his community and the state lost a dedicated advocate for rural Arkansas.