



Autry C. Stephens
1938 – 2024
Inducted 2025

Born in Comanche County, Texas, in 1938, Autry Stephens began his career with a degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Texas. After working with various major oil companies, he established a sole proprietorship in 1979, which transformed into Endeavor Energy Resources, LP in 2000. Under his leadership, the company became one of the largest private oil and gas operators in the Permian Basin, drilling thousands of wells across West Texas. Stephens' legacy includes pioneering techniques for maximizing production in both conventional and unconventional plays, as well as fostering a culture of integrity and innovation within the industry. He remained active in Midland's civic and charitable circles until his passing in 2024, further cementing his impact on the community.