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STRATHMORE SENIOR ACCOUNT MANAGER, DON BRADLEY, ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

With a great deal of mixed emotions, most of which center in appreciation and congratulations, we announce that Don "The Captain" Bradley will be retiring from Strathmore Artist Papers at the end of 2017. His knowledge, customer care, mentorship, character, integrity, humor, and most of all his overwhelmingly loving heart will be missed by many.

Don has over **half a century** of industry knowledge that he has witnessed and shared with many over the years, as he started his robust career in art materials in the mid-1960's. He first entered the industry working with a family owned art store called the JF Thomas Company, located in Bailey's Cross Roads, VA. Don spent almost 20 years there, before he started his own small regional wholesale distribution company, called Eastern Art Supply in the early 1980's.

After about a decade of owning and operating Eastern Art Supply, the wholesale business closed down in 1989, and Don Bradley started working for MacPherson's in a sales role. He worked for MacPherson's for a few years, and then ventured to a sales role at Artcraft, located in Atlanta, GA.

In 1997, Don started working for Strathmore Artist Papers, where he has been vital to the growth and success of the brand for the last 20 years. He has handled many different areas of the country, and has worked with many memorable accounts over the years. His most recent role with the company has been Senior Account Manager, where he has been responsible for retail and distributor accounts for the Southeast portion of the USA.



To say that Don Bradley has been an asset to Strathmore would be a massive understatement. His passion, energy, and care for our brand, customers, and products are indescribable, and we will truly miss him in our daily operations. He has built strong and lasting customer relationships and friendships, he has contributed to countless product innovations, and has definitely left his footprint on the hearts of everyone he has worked with. Who else can say they work with a colleague that has an icon of the company brand **tattooed** on their arm for eternity? That's commitment!

In retirement, Don is looking forward to some exciting travel plans with his wife of 50 years, Donna. Please join us in thanking Don for his service to the art materials industry, and wish him the best for his retirement!

