

Carolyn Harms recently retired from a 32-year aerospace career. Prior to retirement, she was the Vice President/General Manager of the Aftermarket Customer Support Business Unit at Spirit AeroSystems. She was responsible for the development and leadership of a global aftermarket business for spare parts, maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) and product support services for products produced by Spirit AeroSystems.



A Kansas native, Carolyn was with Spirit AeroSystems in Wichita, Kansas since its beginning in June 2005. Prior to that, she was employed by The Boeing Company in Wichita, where she spent the majority of her career in the procurement organization. She held the position of director for Supply Management & Procurement where she was responsible for the procurement of major outside production, raw materials, purchased outside production parts and assemblies, standards, purchased equipment, and receiving and stores. During her 27-year career with Boeing she also held the position of director for the 747/767/777 Structures organization as well as director of the Program Management/New Programs organization.

Carolyn received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from Kansas State University in May 1978. She attended the Aerospace Industry Management seminar at the University of Washington in Seattle and graduated from the Advanced Management program at Duke University. She serves on the Kansas 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees, Kansas State University Business Management Advisory Board and the Kansas State Extension Advisory Council.

Carolyn and her husband, Allan, are active participants in their church. They have two sons and a daughter, and enjoy participating in numerous family activities.