

Melvyn L. Wolff

*Chairman of the Board,
Star Furniture, a Berkshire Hathaway Company*



Melvyn L. Wolff is a native Houstonian, born in 1931. He attended San Jacinto High School and Wentworth Military School. After spending one year at the University of Texas, he earned his BBA from the University of Houston in 1953. He proudly served two years as a lieutenant in the Army, during one of which he was stationed in Korea. In 1956, he married his wife, Cyvia, and they have two grown children, Carrie Boudreaux and Curtis Wolff, and a granddaughter, Sheri Boudreaux.

Mr. Wolff joined his family's partnership in Star Furniture Company in 1956. Following the death of his father and another partner, he became president of the company in 1962 when Star's revenue was less than \$2 million. Along with his sister, Shirley Toomim, he bought out the other partners in 1964. In 1997, the company was sold to the Berkshire Hathaway Company, managed by famed investor Warren Buffett. Melvyn remains in the management role as chairman of the board at Star.

Mr. Wolff is very active in the Houston community and serves on the board of many organizations, including the Ronald McDonald House. He is an advisory director of the University of Houston's C. T. Bauer College of Business and is president of the UH College of Business Foundation. Mr. Wolff's other community activities include being a member of the board of visitors at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, a member of the Jewish Geriatric Foundation. He has also joined the Development Board of the University of Texas Health Science Center. In addition, he is a past president of Congregation Beth Israel and was vice-president of the American Cancer Society, Houston.

In recognition of his generosity, leadership and commitment to the Houston community, he has received the Max Nathan Award from the American Jewish Committee, Trail Blazer Award from the American Cancer Society, the Samuel Karff Award from the Congregation Beth Israel, and the American Heritage Award from the Anti-Defamation League. In 1998, Mr. Wolff was honored with the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Bauer College.