



Civic leader, car dealership owner dies Free Access

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James Wood, the owner of car dealerships in Decatur and Denton and philanthropist, died Wednesday at a Denton hospital.

He was injured in a fall at his home Sunday.

Wood, the 1985 Decatur Citizen of the Year, had owned the GMC, Buick, Oldsmobile dealership in Decatur since 1978. He previously owned Tanwood Motor Sales in Decatur. The dealership later added the Chevrolet brand and multiple times was recognized as one of the top 50 dealerships in the nation, including in 1986.

Wood was elected to the GM Presidents Dealer Advisory Council in 1987.

Along with the James Wood Autopark in Denton, the Wood family operates a Hyundai dealership in Decatur, along with Neighborhood Autos preowned lots.

Aside from operating his dealerships, Wood continually contributed to the greater North

Texas community and Wise County.

He was instrumental in the founding of the Champions and Blue Ribbon Club for the Wise County Youth Fair and served on the Wise Health System board.