

Craftmaster long-timers: 24,000-plus days of commitment



Jean Marie Layton // Senior Editor for Upholstery • *March 24, 2022*



L to R: John Miller, Roy Calcagne, Roger Adams

TAYLORSVILLE, N.C. — They were there from the beginnings of Craftmaster Furniture and between them, have logged more than 24,000 days with the company. And they're still not done.

John Miller, upholstery master craftsman, and Roger Adams, product development manager, have seen some changes in the industry over the past 49 years. Miller, who joined the company in May 1973, and Adams, who joined in August of 1974, are the two longest-serving employees at the Taylorsville-based manufacturer of upholstered furniture.

They are treasured employees who train new employees and have helped the company to weather the COVID storm, according to Roy Calcagne, president and CEO of Craftmaster Furniture.

Calcagne, a relatively “new” employee who started at Craftmaster in 2006, said, “Roger and John have worked together in product development for a very long time. Their skills and expertise are unmatched, and they are two of the nicest people you would ever want to meet.”

When Adams tried to retire a year ago, it was hard for the company to let him go, so Adams went to four days per week. Now, Adams is at three days per week and, as yet, unretired.

“The furniture industry is a relationship business,” said Calcagne, adding, “People are our biggest asset.”