



2023 NATIONAL INVENTORS
HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Born: April 8, 1922

Died: Oct. 28, 2020

Primary Connections:

- Doosan Bobcat North America (Melroe Manufacturing Co./Clark Equipment Co./Bobcat Co. now part of Doosan Group), 1958-83
- Keller Welding, 1953-58

Military Service:

- U.S. Navy, World War II

Key Memberships/Awards:

- Minnesota Inventors Hall of Fame: Inductee, 2004
- Association of Equipment Manufacturers: Inductee, 1999

10 Things You Need to Know About

Cyril Keller

Bobcat® Skid-Steer Loader

U.S. PATENT NO. 3,151,503

1. Cyril Keller was born in 1922 in Tintah, Minnesota.
2. He attended a country school near his home through eighth grade.
3. At age 20, Keller joined the U.S. Navy, where he served on a ship and on the island of Saipan during World War II.
4. He and his wife Myrtle raised eight children together.
5. Keller was an avid hunter and fisherman.
6. In Bobcat training centers where he worked, he was referred to by the nickname "Sarge."
7. Keller was inducted into both the Minnesota Inventors Hall of Fame and the Association of Equipment Manufacturers Hall of Fame.
8. In 2004, the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers named Keller's skid-steer loader a Historic Landmark.
9. He had six U.S. patents.
10. Bobcat Company records that document the evolution of the Bobcat skid-steer loader were donated to the Smithsonian National Museum of American History in 2008.