



2023 NATIONAL INVENTORS
HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Born: May 9, 1923

Died: July 11, 2010

Primary Connections:

- Loegering Manufacturing Co. (now part of ASV Inc.)
- Doosan Bobcat North America (Melroe Manufacturing Co./Clark Equipment Co./Bobcat Co. now part of Doosan Group), 1958-67
- Keller Welding: Founder

Military Service:

- U.S. Army, 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

Louis Keller

Bobcat® Skid-Steer Loader

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

1. Louis Keller was born in 1923 in Tenney, Minnesota.
2. He attended a country school near his home through eighth grade.
3. Keller joined the U.S. Army during World War II, where he served at the Army Air Corps base in Manila, Philippines. He received five decorations for his service.
4. At the time of his passing, he was the father of 10 children, a grandfather to 52 and a great-grandfather to 77.
5. Keller's hobbies included gardening, woodworking, fishing and hunting.
6. He was an active member of his church in Edgely, North Dakota.
7. Keller has been 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. Keller also patented steel-over-the-tire tracks for wheeled vehicles that were manufactured and sold worldwide by Loegering Manufacturing.