

Outstanding Alumnus 1985

R.J. Osborn



R.J. Osborn graduated from Independence High School in 1941 and Independence Junior College in 1943. While attending the Junior College, he was involved in Phi Theta Kappa, Sock and Buskin Club (Dramatics), Editor of the Inkanquill yearbook, and President of the Student Council. Mr. Osborn continued his education at Kansas State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1948. Upon graduating, Osborn began his career with Sinclair Pipe Line Company. Over the years he worked for the company as an Engineer, Assistant Chief Electrical Engineer, Project Manager of Bayport Olefins Project, and Mid-continent Regional Manager before retiring in 1985. Throughout his career he was a Registered Professional Engineer in Kansas, a member of the AIEE Industry Committee, and a member of the API Pipe Line Automation Committee. He has also served in the U.S. Navy. Mr. Osborn's interest in the community of Independence is apparent through past service on the Independence Public Library Board, the Independence Board of Education, and the Independence Community College Board of Trustees.