

Jack H. Heathman

1912 - 2006



Coming from Iowa, Jack Hastings Heathman grew up in Burns, Wyoming and graduated from the University of Wyoming with his Bachelors and Masters degrees in geology. He then moved to Wichita where he married Lenora Ash. Mr. Heathman was employed as a geologist by the Gulf Oil Company in 1939. He joined Hallow Drilling Company in 1943. He was an early entrepreneur, starting and co-owning several businesses, including Heathman, Honaker and Bartlett Drilling Co., Heathman-Honaker Drilling Co., Heathman Drilling Co., International Drilling Co., Heathman-Selligson Drilling Co. and Hydrocarbon Survey, Inc. He also started and was Chairman of the Board of Molasse Oil Exploration Co. in Zurich, Switzerland to search for oil in Switzerland and Italy.

Jack was the founder of several organizations including Underground Vaults and Storage, where he served as a Chairman of the Board; the Wichita Petroleum Club, where he was the founding president; and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, where he led the funding efforts for the parish's land purchase and construction. During his life, he was Co-Trustee of the William Bartlett Trust, a Vice President of the Wichita Country Club and a member of the Two Hundred Club, Crestview

Country Club, Paradise Valley Country Club, and Tau Pi Pi Beta. Jack was an avid traveler, traveling around the world twice and living with his family in Switzerland for a time. Aviation was a big part of Jack's life. He was an accomplished pilot, earning his private and commercial pilot licenses, holding multi-engine and instrument ratings, accumulating over 3900 hours of flight time on many business trips and fondly remembered family vacations.

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