

J. Thomas Cathcart

Class of 1931

J. Thomas Cathcart was senior vice president-administration of Eastern Gas and Fuel Associates diversified energy company, headquartered in Boston, Mass. Eastern was engaged in the production and sale of bituminous coal, distribution of natural gas, and in barging operations. Its coal subsidiary, Eastern Associated Coal Corp., was headquartered in Pittsburgh.

Before joining Eastern, Cathcart was supervising principal of Marienville and Hickory Township schools in Pennsylvania. He later became rent director of Mercer County and was promoted to the regional staff of the rent division of the Office of Price Administration in New York City.

Cathcart's career with Eastern Gas and Fuel Associates began in Huntington, W.Va., as personnel manager of its former Stores Division. He transferred to Boston and was promoted to vice president-public and industrial relations of subsidiary Boston Gas. He was elected executive vice president and director of Boston Gas in 1967. He later returned to the parent organization as senior vice president. Professionally, he was on the board of governors of the Massachusetts Safety Council and the National Board of Better Business Bureaus.

In addition to his work with Eastern Gas, Cathcart was active in civic, community and religious organizations. In Needham, Mass., he was a director of the Y.M.C.A., was on the advisory board of the Northeastern University Management Development Program and was a trustee of the University Hospital. He formerly was chairman of the Human Relations Committee of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, chairman of the Massachusetts Plan for Equal Employment Opportunity and a member of the Northeast Regional Manpower Advisory Committee of the U.S. Department of Labor.

He passed away April 1, 1994.

Additional degrees: Master of Education, University of Pittsburgh

