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Dr. Kent S. Dennis

Class of 1950



Dr. Kent Dennis was a senior research chemist with Dow Chemical Co. of Midland, Mich. He received his master's and Ph.D. from Western Reserve University before joining Dow in 1954. Dennis retired from Dow in 1986 after 32 years as a senior research associate.

Also a musician, Dennis spent 47 years as the organist at Memorial Presbyterian Church and was named organist emeritus in 2003. For 46 years, he gave an annual organ recital at Memorial Presbyterian and also taught organ students. He played for more than 700 weddings.

He continued his community involvement as charter member and leader in the Saginaw Valley chapter of the American Guild of Organists where he was dean for three years. He served on the board of managers of the Midland Center for the Arts and as president of the Midland Symphony Orchestra. In 1987, Dennis was honored with the Musician of the Year award by the Music Society and Midland Symphony Orchestra.

Dennis used his technical and musical talents to build a pipe organ in his basement in Midland. Later, he donated the organ to St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City.

He passed away Jan. 1, 2007.

Additional degrees: Master's degree and Ph.D., Western Reserve University