

William H. Lang

Class of 1940



William Lang graduated from Grove City in 1940 and retired 41 years later with more than 30 United States patents in the petroleum field to his credit.

Born in Etna, Pa., Lang began his career with Mobil Research and Development Corporation in 1940 as a research chemist. Much of his latter (1963-1981) work with the company was in Princeton, N.J., in the field of catalysts. One of Lang's most notable contributions to Mobil was his work with the MTG process, a unique process for converting methanol to high octane gasoline. Lang and his colleagues also worked to convert methanol to olefins and published a great number of highly complex scientific papers.

In all, Lang co-authored 32 United States patents and several foreign patents for his work in petrochemicals, synthetic fuels and petroleum processing. Prior to his retirement as senior research chemist in 1981, Lang was very active in "Pegasus," an internal fraternal group at Mobil. He was listed in *American Men and Women of Science* and belonged to the American Chemical Society and the Catalysts Society.

He passed away April 6, 1999.