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Dr. David L. Morrison

Class of 1954

Dr. David Morrison was a nationally recognized leader in energy research. He was president of ITT Research Institute, one of the nation's largest and oldest contract research organizations.

After graduating from Grove City, Morrison served in the Air Force. In 1961, he joined Battelle's Columbus Laboratories in Ohio as a senior chemist. After advancing through all levels of research management, he was appointed associate director in 1975. At Battelle, his contributions centered on the performance and management of research programs in energy and the environment, including the safety of nuclear power reactors. He also was involved with alternative uses of coal as an energy source.

In 1977, Morrison was appointed executive vice president and director of IITRI in Chicago. He was named president in 1980. Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne named Morrison to her task force aimed at luring high-technology companies to the city and garnering federal contracts for local small businesses. Morrison served as chairman, Industrial Energy Conservation Committee, National Academy of Science. He also served on the National Research Council, the Senior Advisory Panel to Commonwealth Edison and the Energy Committee of the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, and was a trustee of Illinois Institute of Technology. A prolific author, he wrote more than 80 articles, reports and presentations on energy and environmental subjects.

He passed away Nov. 14, 2013.

Additional degrees: M.S. and Ph.D., Carnegie Mellon University

Additional study: Northwestern University - Executive Development Program; Battelle's Behavioral Foundations for Management; University of California's Leadership Laboratory

