



Eugene Holman 1969

Let me say at the beginning that Eugene Holman was a product of Monahans, Texas, and not midland or Odessa or New York. Our friends from Monahans can remain in their seats, put their placards away, and refrain from demonstrating.

Gene Holman was 67 years old when he died in 1962. His early lifetime covered graduation from what is now Hardin-Simmons University, the gaining of a master's degree in geology, and joining of the Humble Oil organization in 1919. He was among the talented young geologists tutored in Humble by Wallace Pratt. He had an inspiring rise within the world's largest oil company – Standard of New Jersey. He played a key role in development of jersey's large Venezuelan production. Ultimately he became board chairman and chief executive officer.

Eugene Holman thought of himself as a professional geologist. He contributed many technical papers and remained deeply interested in oil exploration throughout his career.

But he also thought of himself as a westerner. He returned to the Permian Basin each year, kept in close touch with his family friends, and in his own life and qualities reflected the open hospitality and practical good sense of his upbringing.

We honor Gene Holman for combining high professional skills with managerial talent, and for retaining throughout a distinguished career the qualities of character learned here among us.