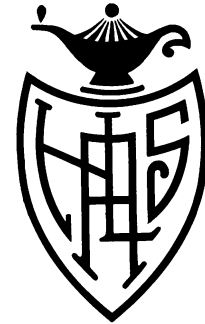




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**JAMES P. BRILL**

**CLASS OF 1956**



James P Brill was born July 18, 1938, in Hennepin County, the younger of two sons of Leonard J (Larry) and Mary (Hansen) Brill. They moved to Albert Lea when James was three. Jim was an active high school student, participating in Spanish Club, Drama Club, Thespians, Masquers, Tennis, Intramural Basketball, Intramural Football, Ahlahasa, Tiger, Quill and Scroll, National Honor Society, Rotarian Representative, and Prom Committee Chairman. After graduating from Albert Lea High School in 1956, Dr. Brill enrolled in the University of Minnesota. He received his BS degree in Engineering there in 1962. He earned his Ph. D. in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin in 1966.

Dr. Brill joined the Petroleum Engineering faculty at the University of Tulsa in 1966 and founded the Fluid Flow Projects in 1973 and the Paraffin Deposition Projects research consortia in 1994. He is currently serving as a consultant to those consortia. He served the University of Tulsa until 2001, and though becoming Professor Emeritus, still remains a Research Professor there to this day. Known for his vigorous teaching style and love of students, he was selected by the Tulsa University Alumni Association as "Mr. Homecoming" in 1995 and the Centennial Commencement speaker in 1997.

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He was one of the key figures who elevated petroleum engineering at the University of Tulsa to international stature. For these contributions and for the international reputation he earned for the University of Tulsa and the State of Oklahoma, he was in 2007 inducted into the Higher Education Hall of Fame.

He has served as a consultant to many oil and gas companies on multiphase flow in pipes and taught related short courses in 15 countries. He has authored over 100 publications, many appearing in SPE (Society of Petroleum Engineers) Journals and co-authored the SPE Monograph Multiphase Flow in Wells. A Google search of the Internet gleans many citations for James P. Brill, among them links to his books. One is Two-phase Flow in Pipes and another is his Ph.D. Dissertation, The Analytical Description of Liquid Slug Flow in Small-Diameter Vertical Conduits.

Dr. Brill has been named a Distinguished Member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers. In 2009 Dr. Brill was named an Honorary Member of the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers "for outstanding technical contributions in well production engineering, especially multi-phase flow and for over four decades of service to the SPE and many other professional organizations." He previously received the SPE Production Engineering Award, Distinguished Achievement Award for Petroleum Engineering Faculty, John Franklin Carll Award, DeGolyer Distinguished Service Medal, ASME Fellow, was named a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and was inducted into the United States National Academy of Engineering.

He married Marilyn Joyce Will on September 5, 1959, in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Myrtle, MN. Marilyn is the daughter of Arthur H. Will and Thelma S. Nelson. The Brills have three children - Lori, Todd, and Tami and eight grandchildren.