

OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

2009



LOUIS BOWMAN

Class of 1947



Louis Bowman graduated from the University of Illinois in 1951 with a degree in Engineering, and then served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from 1951 to 1953. Following his service, he worked in Chicago for Albert Benesch and Associates until he retired in 1989. Subsequently, he and an associate formed their own company, Bowman, Barrett and Associates, Inc., where he has served as Chairman of the firm with offices in downtown Chicago. The firm is a design engineering firm. Louis Bowman is a notable authority on transportation and engineering issues. Louis designed the Veteran's Memorial Bridge in Ottawa, Illinois and portions of U.S. Interstate 80, including the design of the Interstate 80 bridge spanning the Fox River near Dayton, Illinois. A project of Mr. Bowman's currently under construction is the modernization of Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. He is a registered professional engineer in seven states, a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, member and past Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Planning and Design Division of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, and a member of the Board of Directors for University of Illinois Civil Engineering Alumni Association, among other memberships. He was awarded the American Society of Civil Engineers' 2006 Civil Engineer of the Year Award and is a recipient of the March of Dimes 2008 Transportation Award.