



March 21, 1993 Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



Jack Weston Yops Class of 1941

Jack Weston Yops distinguished himself in the field of architecture. He studied at the Detroit Institute of Technology and Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

His interest in architecture began at age 16 when he designed a glider, and worked on plans for the Wyandotte main fire station. While working for Laister-Kauffman Aircraft in 1942, he helped design the largest troop carrying glider for the United States Army.

Jack Yops established his own architectural firm in Wyandotte in 1955, and has been a major influence throughout the Downriver Area. In 1975 he entered into a partnership, and the practice became Yops and Wilkie. During his 35 year career in Wyandotte, Jack designed numerous office buildings and churches. His most notable designs include Wyandotte Savings Bank branches, Guaranty Federal Savings, Yack Arena, Wyandotte City Hall, St. Patrick's School, St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Trinity Lutheran Church and Heritage Place. In addition, he was recognized for his 50+ church designs throughout Michigan. He has been the recipient of many awards from the Michigan Society of Architects, Masonry Institute of Michigan and the Church Architectural Guild. Jack served on the Board of Directors of Guaranty Federal Savings.