



# April 28, 1991 Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



## Thomas (Pointkowski) Tipton Class of 1945

Teachers at Roosevelt High School recognized Thomas (Pointkowski) Tipton's rich baritone voice, and guided him towards a musical career. In 1950, Thomas Tipton won the Grinnell Foundation Scholarship that provided a contract with the New York Opera Company. Soon he was performing in major opera productions throughout the United States.

In 1957, Thomas Tipton traveled to Munich Germany on a Fulbright Scholarship. He studied opera and was discovered by Conductor Karl Fischer. Acclaimed throughout Europe, his operatic career spanned 33 years.

Thomas Tipton performed in every major festival and opera haus in Europe. He enjoyed the privilege of working under 90 different world class conductors and 50 directors. In 1977, Thomas Tipton received the highest honor in opera, the title of "Kammersanger" by the Bavarian Government.