



March 21, 1993 Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



Richard W. Smith Class of 1937

Richard W. Smith distinguished himself in the fields of Finance and Banking.

In 1937, he graduated with honors from Roosevelt High School, and was elected president of his senior class. His athletic skills earned him five letters in basketball and football.

Mr. Smith furthered his education at the American Institute of Banking, the University of Michigan Extension Service and the University of Wisconsin School of Banking.

Mr. Smith began his work at the Wyandotte Savings Bank as a mail clerk. He was elected president of the Wyandotte Savings Bank in 1977, and became only the fifth person to serve in that capacity since its founding in 1871. He also served as president of the Group 10 of the Michigan Banker's Association and on the Board of Directors of Wyandotte Savings Bank, until the recent merger with National Bank of Detroit.

Richard Smith served in the Infantry during World War II, where he was awarded a Bronze Star for heroic achievement against the enemy in Germany on February 22, 1945.

Richard is a dedicated and effective contributor to our community. He has served on the Wyandotte Greater Board of Commerce, the Wyandotte Recreation Commission, the Economic Development Corporation and T.I.F.A. He is an active life member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board and a 30+ year member of the Wyandotte Kiwanis. In 1983, Richard Smith was honored as "Wyandotte's Outstanding Citizen of the Year." He is a charter member of the Roosevelt High School Alumni Football Club and continues to serve our community.