

## John H. Stauffer, Sr.

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John H. Stauffer, Sr., a native of Arkansas City, Kansas, received a bachelor of science degree in journalism from the University of Kansas in 1949. While at KU, he served as managing editor of the University Daily Kansan and was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Following college, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in infantry through ROTC and served in Korea with the 27th Infantry, 25th Division. He was discharged from active duty as a 1st Lieutenant.

He began his career with Stauffer Publications, Inc. first serving as a copy boy and then interned at the Topeka State Journal and Daily Capital. He spent five years as a reporter for the Topeka State Journal before being named editor of the Newton Kansan, where he worked from 1954-57. Stauffer was editor and general manager of the Kansas City Kansan from 1957-72, when he was promoted to the Topeka Capital-Journal, where he served as editor, general manager and then publisher until 1986. He served as president of Stauffer Communications, Inc., and retired as chairman of the board with the sale of Stauffer Communications, Inc. He continues to serve on the editorial board of the Topeka Capital-Journal.

Stauffer served in numerous capacities with American Red Cross, American Society of Newspaper Editors, Capper Foundation, Inland Press Foundation, Kansas Press Association, Kansas Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City Press Club, William Allen White Foundation, the and dozens of others.

He served on the boards of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce, Kansas Association for Commerce and Industry, Kansas Development Credit Corporation, Kansas Foundation for Private Colleges, Kansas Newspaper Foundation, Kansas/Missouri Associated Press Editors, Salvation Army, Stormont Vail Regional Medical Center and Topeka Community Foundation.

He received numerous awards including the Kansas Newspaper Hall of Fame, Jayhawk Area Council - Distinguished Citizen Award, Junior Achievement Topeka Business Hall of Fame Laureates Award; Topeka Community Foundation Philanthropist of the Year; and the Washburn University President's Award.

Stauffer joined the Washburn University Foundation Board of Trustees in 2007 and served as a director from 2008-12. He and his late wife Ruth supported the John and Ruth Stauffer Fund for Kansas Studies, a scholarship fund for single parents and the Carole Chapel project. Stauffer and his wife Barbara have supported the Welcome Center and the Mulvane Art Museum.