

## Eugene and Martha Lohman Professorship in Electrical Engineering



**Eugene W. Lohman**

**P**roceeds from the life income fund established at Washington University in 1992 by alumnus Eugene W. Lohman established this professorship in 2000.

Born in St. Louis, Mr. Lohman spent his early years in Guadalajara, Mexico, where his father, an American citizen, ran a wholesale grocery business. After his father lost everything during the Mexican Revolution, Mr. Lohman, the oldest of three children, was sent to live with his maternal grandparents in St. Louis. He received all of his education in St. Louis, graduating with a bachelor's degree in architectural engineering from Washington University in 1928.

After receiving his degree, Mr. Lohman went east to join his father and younger brother in their sales agency, William J. Lohman, Inc. In the mid-1940s they started the New Jersey-based Chelsea Fan and Blower Company, which was sold to Allied Thermal Company in 1966. In addi-

tion to serving as president of the firm until his retirement in 1971, Mr. Lohman was a partner in a brokerage business with a seat on the New York Stock Exchange. In 1972 he and his wife, Martha, a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, retired to Arizona. The Lohmans had two daughters: Judith Stires of Bay Head, New Jersey, and Gail Raleigh of Atherton, California.

In 1981 the Lohmans, generous supporters of Washington University, established and endowed the Mr. and Mrs. Eugene W. Lohman Scholarships in the School of Engineering & Applied Science, benefiting more than 100 Lohman Scholars.

Mr. Lohman received the School of Engineering's Alumni Achievement Award in 1994 and the University's Robert S. Brookings Award in 1995.

He died in 2000.

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this professorship was vacant.