

Gerald E. Eddy, 1907-1977

Gerald E. Eddy, State Geologist of Michigan from 1946 to 1951, and from 1964 to 1971, passed away at Lansing, Michigan, on May 24, 1977.

Jerry was born in Lansing on September 20, 1907. He earned a Bachelor's degree in economic geology from Michigan State College in 1930, and a Master's degree in economic geology from the University of Michigan in 1932. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Science degree by Wayne State University in 1961.

Jerry joined the Michigan Geological Survey as a petroleum geologist in 1933. His career was interrupted to give service to his country during World War II as a Captain in the Air Force. He returned to the Geological Survey, a division of the Michigan Department of Conservation, in 1945, as a mining geologist. The following year he began his first tenure as State Geologist and Chief of the division. In 1951 he accepted appointment as Director of the Department of Conservation- later Department of Natural Resources- and served in that capacity for 13 years. In 1964 he voluntarily stepped down to resume his former position of State Geologist, the post he held until his retirement in February of 1971.

We extend our sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Marylou Eddy, their two daughters, Catherine and Susan, and to other members of the family.

Arthur E. Slaughter