

Edwin G. Koch

Dr. Edwin G. Koch of Butte died November 21, 1990 in a Butte hospital. He was 85.

In 1946, Dr. Koch became head of the chemistry department at Montana School of Mines. He served in this position until April 1957 when he was appointed President of the College and Director of the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology. He retired from the College in 1971.

Dr. Koch's involvement in the community was varied and extensive. He was a member of the Kiwanis for more than 40 years, and served more than 25 years as a member of the board of directors of the American Red Cross. From 1964 through 1970 he served as a member of the Helena Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, acting as chairman in 1967. He was a member of the Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce board of directors and served as president in 1966. He served on the first board of The World Museum of Mining and remained active in this project for many years. He was a member of the state advisory council for the Title I Higher Education Act of 1965, and he was a member of the governor's committee on mine safety and also the governor's committee for NASA.

Dr. Koch married the former Ruth Smith in 1930 in Illinois and his wife of 60 years survives in Butte.

Memorials are requested to The Edwin G. Koch Scholarship in care of the Montana Tech Foundation or to charity of the donor's choice.

-Edward T. Ruppel
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