

Memorial to Lon D. Cartwright, Jr.

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Lon D. Cartwright, Jr., died May 27, 1980, in Sherman Oaks, California. He was a native of Texas and graduated from the Geology Department of the University of Texas in 1924. He received his master's degree in geology from Stanford University in 1927. He was a natural scholar but pursued his professional career toward the discovery and development of oil and gas reserves. His first work was in the Permian Basin of West Texas and New Mexico and later in the Gulf Coast and East Texas. He served as chief geologist for Skelly Oil Company and later in the same capacity for the Union Oil Company of California, both in the Houston area. Still later, he was chief geologist for the Cyprus Mines Corporation in California. He wrote a number of papers; in an early

paper on West Texas, he applied the name "Central Basin Platform" to the structural anomaly in the middle of the Permian Basin and is generally credited with having named this feature.

In recent years he was self employed as a special consultant, as well as having investments in oil and gas royalties and geothermal properties.

He was a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, and a Fellow of the Geological Society of America.

As his close personal friend for more than half a century, I feel honored to give this résumé about a real gentleman.

Lon D. is survived by his wife who lives at 14652 Deervale Place, Sherman Oaks, California.

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