

# William John DeLancey Biography



**William J. DeLancey, - Class of 1934 - b. June 2, 1916 - d. April 2, 1999** From the EHS Yearbook, The Maroon: College Preparatory, Entered from Elgin Academy 2; General Manager Mirror 3-4; Jr.-Sr. Class Plays; EHS Players 3-4; Hi-Y 3-4; Sr. Science Club 3-4.

William J. DeLancey was a lawyer and steel executive. He received his B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1938 and his J.D. in 1940. He was admitted to the N/Y. bar in 1941. the Ohio bar in 1953 and was employed with Craveth, deGersdorff, Swaine & Wood in N.Y.C. He was employed by Republic Steel in Cleveland, Ohio in 1952.

Served in the U.S. Navy Reserve as a lieutenant (junior grade) 1943-45

He was employed at Republic Steel Corporation. In 1973 W.B. Boyer became chairman and William J. DeLancey was made president and CEO and remained in this capacity until 1977. He became chairman and CEO in 1978, serving until 1981.

In 1976 William J. DeLancey, president of the Republic Steel Corporation, charged that “one way or another (the steel) business is controlled, affected or influenced virtually from beginning to end by Government in one form or another.” He added:

“I experience a considerable degree of apprehension about embarking on a course which, in my view, will inevitably substitute for efficient controls and freedoms of the marketplace the decisions of Government employees whose capabilities and fair-mindedness may not be commensurate with the magnitude of their all-pervasive powers as national planners.”

Per an article in the Cleveland Magazine in 1982 - William J. DeLancey earned \$701,300 as Chairman, and CEO, Republic Steel Corp.

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