

## **Norman Whitsitt**

### **Class of 1956**

Whitsitt received a B.S. degree from Arlington State College in mechanical engineering and a M.S. degree from Oklahoma State University in engineering. In 1962, Whitsitt began his career with General Dynamics in Fort Worth; later he became Director of Research and Product Development for Western Company.

After moving to Plano, Texas in 1966, he became active in community work and was appointed to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. In 1970, he was elected Mayor. Under his leadership, Plano grew from 17,872 population to 58,400 in 1978. Also, during his tenure, the city's first hospital was built. He organized the charter for the City National Bank of Plano, of which served as director and he served on several civic commissions.

He resigned as mayor in 1978 to devote his time to his custom home building business, Whitsitt Home, Inc. In recognition of his civic service, a street was renamed Norman F. Whitsitt Parkway.