

**Horace D. Taft Alumni Medal  
and  
Citation of Merit  
1975 Recipient**



**Donald Voorhees Buttenheim '33  
1915-2006**

You are a member of a family that has few equals in its close association with Taft: you, your two brothers, two sons, two nephews, and a niece have all shared in its growth. Your own involvement with the school has ranged over forty years; you have served it as a trustee, a member of the alumni executive committee, and particularly as a catalyst for your class. But your interest in education has extended beyond Taft to public and private schools in your home state of New York, and indeed, through your publishing enterprises, to the cause of education on a national scale. You have heartened headmasters with your understanding and common sense and demonstrated anew the truth of the axiom that education is too important to be left to the educators. Your classmates, your friends, and your associates are grateful for your enthusiasm, your capacity to bring out the best in them, and especially for the combination of integrity and modesty that has characterized all your achievements. Your career of voluntary service to education reflects the best in the American tradition of responsible citizenship, and your school is proud to honor you today with its Alumni Citation of Merit.