

**Horace D. Taft Alumni Medal
and
Citation of Merit
1996 Recipient**



**William H. Risley '35
1917-1997**

Always you have answered society's call to service. Your life's journey has brought you to Taft, Dartmouth, the University of California at Los Angeles, and then to Bronxville, Toronto, and Litchfield. In each community, you selflessly and energetically worked to enrich the lives of others. As president and chairman of the White Memorial Foundation, director of the Grafton Pond and Land Trust, and trustee of Old Sturbridge Village, you have preserved and made accessible our natural and historical treasures. As church volunteer, Dartmouth representative, and civic leader, you have by example and deed given expression to excellence and commitment. Nowhere has the depth of your concern for others been more evident than in your loyalty to your alma mater. As a trustee and member of the planning committee, your vision was pivotal in shaping the beauty of Taft's campus. As chairman of The Old Boy Challenge, you have rallied Mr. Taft's graduates to support the campaign for Taft in a fashion unprecedented at the secondary school level. Leader and friend, just as you have found beauty in nature and purpose in its preservation; you have elicited the best in people and their institutions and have found lasting meaning in nurturing them. How proud the king must be of one of his old boys for exemplifying with such distinction the motto he chose for his school, *Non Ut Sibi Ministretur Sed Ut Ministret*. For your life of service, we bestow upon you, William H. Risley, Class of 1935, Taft's highest honor, the Alumni Citation of Merit.