Horace D. Taft Alumni Medal
and
Citation of Merit
1997 Recipient

William A. Waldron ’31
1913-2009

One of Mr. Taft’s “scholarship boys,” you fully embraced your years in Watertown and were recognized by your classmates as an energetic leader and conscientious friend. A school monitor, letterman in three sports, Papyrus editor, and recipient of the Class of 1908 medal awarded to the student who has done the most for the school, you wrote a distinguished record at Taft. The same was true at Union College, where you were honored as a Phi Beta Kappa member, varsity athlete in football and track, and Bailey Cup recipient for the member of the Class of 1935 who has done the most for the college. A graduate of Harvard Law School, you chose the unconventional route as citizen-lawyer, serving unselfishly and with distinction at the municipal, state and federal levels. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts prospered by your work as commissioner of administration and finance, special counsel to the joint committee on rules of the general court, and director of the special commission on the structure of state government. As the first full-time general counsel of the Massachusetts General Hospital, part-time teacher, and committed volunteer for non-profit organizations and your community, your life of service to others honors your school’s motto: Non Ut Sibi Ministretur Sed Ut Ministret. Today, we honor you with Taft’s highest award, the Alumni Citation of Merit.