Mr. Teichgraeber was born in Reece, Kansas. He began his oilfield career in 1955. He founded Long-Tye Oil Company and bought production in Woodson County. From 1956 to 1974, he partnered with Hank Martell and formed Eureka Drilling Company. He also founded Teichgraeber Oil Company in 1956 and became involved in all phases of oil operations. International Petroleum Services was formed in 1969 and became a manufacturer of the Cardwell line of well servicing rigs and drilling rigs. Mr. Teichgraeber also owned a well servicing company, Rocket Well Service, as well as Kansas Pump & Supply, an oilfield pump and supply company.