After serving in the U. S. Army, Mr. McCaleb moved to Kansas. In 1946, he married Lorene Watson, daughter of Clarence and Lida (Edwards) Watson of Potwin. He attended Wichita State University and graduated in 1948 with a degree in Geology. He began his oilfield career as a staff geologist for Sohio Oil Company. In 1956, Mr. McCaleb became an independent consulting geologist. He founded GAM Oil Company in 1975 where he developed hundreds of explorations and development well programs. These programs resulted in major finds in Central and Western Kansas. Mr. McCaleb had a passion for his profession and the petroleum industry in general. He was the “consummate oilman.”

Mr. McCaleb was a member of the Kansas Geological Society, of which he served as secretary/treasurer in 1981.