

Jerry ROSSER

Class of 1960



After departing BAHS, Jerry Rosser enrolled in the ROTC program at Oklahoma State University and had no way of knowing that decision would shape the rest of his life. Following military service, the late Jerald G. “Jerry” Rosser became a renowned rocket scientist whose contributions to his country may never be fully known because many of his discoveries remain “classified data.” Enough is known, however, to make it clear he was a giant in his field. Only a giant could qualify for all the honors he received, highlighted in 1989 by one of the nation’s most coveted awards, the U.S. Navy’s Reliability, Maintainability and Quality Assurance Motivation commendation. Better known as the “Salty Dog” award, it came with a statue and certificates from officers of the Navy, Army and Air Force - the three military branches that benefited most from his leadership in revising missile related manufacturing procedures.

