

# 1999 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Leon Strauss

*Class of 1945*

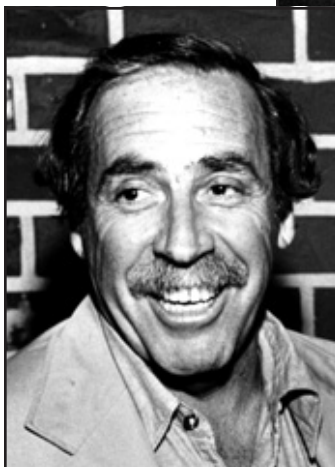
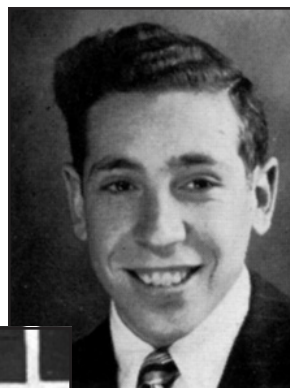
*Awarded posthumously.*

The late Leon Strauss, UCHS class of 1945, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Engineering from Washington University in 1949. He went on to become a prominent St. Louis developer.

In addition to his engineering degree, Strauss also was awarded honorary degrees from three institutions. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Missouri – St. Louis, a Doctor of Humanities degree from Washington University, and a Doctor of Laws degree from Saint Louis University.

Strauss and his wife, Mary, rescued and renovated the Fox Theatre. He also helped to develop DeBaliviere Place, Kingsbury Square, Columbus Square, Lafayette Towne, and the Lammert Building. During his career, he received numerous awards and honors, including the “Business Man of the Year” award from the St. Louis Democratic Central Committee in 1984; the “Right Arm of St. Louis” award from the Regional Commerce and Growth Association in 1982; and the American Jewish Committee Human Relations Award in 1981. He served on several national committees on behalf of the Associated General Contractors (AGC).

Strauss was partner in Fox Association Ltd. from 1981 until his death in April 1999. He was married to Mary Burnett Strauss and they had three sons.



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