

## John Washburn 1955 -



John Washburn started working in the oil industry as a logging engineer in the Hays, Kansas area in February of 1978. Later that year he joined Range Oil Company, Inc. as a staff geologist exploring for oil in south central Kansas. In 1981 he was appointed as exploration manager for Range Oil Co. and held that position until March of 2020 when operations were sold to Darrah Oil Company, LLC. Since then, he has worked part time as a consulting geologist.

While serving as the exploration manager, Range Oil Co. found and developed numerous oil fields in Butler County and the surrounding area. He supervised the drilling of 1,037 exploratory wells and the completion of 455 oil and gas wells. Range Oil Co. produced over 15,000,000 barrels of oil in the state of Kansas.

John and his wife, Peggy, have two children, Jennifer Watkins, and Matthew Washburn. John received a Bachelor of Science degree from Fort Hays State University and was President of the Kansas Geological Foundation in 2015 and 2016, as well as a previous Chairman of the Kansas Geological Society Library Committee.