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Earl was the Valedictorain of the Hughesville High School class of 1940 and recipient of the DeWitt Bodine Scholarship to the Williamsport Dickinson Junior College. He has been admitted to the Academic Hall of Fame of the Hughesville High School for the year 1989. His pioneering contributions to our country, to science and to his fellow man have been truly remarkable.

After leaving Hughesville, Mr. Keller received the B.E.(E.E.) Degree from the Johns Hopkins University in 1943 and the M.S. Degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1949. He taught and performed researched for 14 years, first at M.I.T. and then at Columbia University, and held Professorships of Electrical Engineering at both. He was affiliated with many Professional Societies and received numerous Honors and Awards, including election to Tau Beta Pi and Sigma Xi. Earl Keller has been recognized as one of the few "American Men of Science."

For 25 years, he served as a consultant to industry and government and managed national and international industrial teams here and abroad for the Radio Corporation of America, the General Electric Company and Litton Systems, working with many U.S. and Foreign Government Departments. Earl W. Keller was the Systems Manager for both the German Solar Probe (Project HELIOS) and the initial Earth Resources Technology Satellite (now LANDSAT). He was also the manager for the early USAF/NASA Data Relay Satellite System design (now TDRS). Four satellites were launched by space shuttle, of which three are now operational for NASA. One was lost in the 1986 Challenger Explosion.

Mr. Earl W. Keller is a graduate of the Hughesville High School who has made a difference in the world, helping to keep our country free and secure.