

COOK, ROBERT ERWIN - died January 17, 1997, at his home in Knoxville, following a courageous struggle with cancer. A native of Knoxville, Mr. Cook was the son of the late May Rothe and John Robert Cook. He was a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Class of 1948, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. Mr. Cook lived in Athens for 27 years, where he taught chemistry and physics at McMinn County High School and was later principal of Ingleside School before entering the insurance business. He was a member of Certified Property and Casualty Underwriters (CPCU), vice president of Athens Insurance Agency, served as president of The Insurers of Tennessee, member of The Executive Committee, and vice president of The National Association of Insurance Agents, was named Tennessee's Insurer of the Year, received the President's Award from The National Association of Insurance Agents, and won two national advertising competitions sponsored by The Insurance Advertising Conference. He served as board chairman of the Athens Housing Authority; president of the McMinn County Historical Society; chairman of the McMinn County American Revolution Bicentennial Commission; campaign chairman, Athens United Way; president, Athens Kiwanis Club; Deacon and choir member of Mars Hill Presbyterian Church, Athens; president, Smoky Mountains Hiking Club; president, East Tennessee Historical Society; president, The Meadows Condominium Association; member, Sons of the Revolution; and member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Knoxville. He loved the Smoky Mountains and hiked all of its 900 miles of trails in both directions. He also hiked over 1,100 of The Appalachian Trail. Mr. Cook was preceded in death by: sister, Margaret (Mrs. Charles Donald Rose), Kingston; and two brothers, John Rothe Cook, Knoxville and Lester Millan Cook, Los Angeles. He is survived by: wife, Barbara Small Cook; daughter, Sherry Lynn and husband, Charles Eugene Sabo, Greenville, S.C.; and daughter, Cynthia and husband, Gary George Spangler, Knoxville; granddaughter, Rachael Lynn Spangler, Knoxville; sister, Helen (Mrs. R.A. Lawson, Jr.), Loudon, Tenn.; and nine nieces and nephews. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the McClung Historical Collection, East Tennessee Historical Center, 314 Clinch Ave., Knoxville, TN 37902 or Westminster Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, 6500 Northshore Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919. There will be a memorial service, Friday, January 24, 1997, at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 6 p.m. with the Rev. Dr. Friedrich J. Schilling, J.R. officiating. The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m., January 24, at the home of Cynthia and Gary Spangler, 6427 Westminster Road. Arrangements by *Rose Mortuary Mann Heritage Chapel.*

