

IN MEMORY OF HUGH C. HOWSER

Hugh C. Howser was born in Lafayette, Macon County, Tennessee, on April 6, 1919, and died in Nashville on September 15, 2011, at age 92. He was predeceased by his parents, a son Jack Swope Howser, and three siblings. He left surviving his wife, Elizabeth Swope Howser, better known as “Swopie”; a son, Hugh C. Howser, Jr.; two grandchildren, Barbara Anne Corbett and Hugh C. Howser, III; and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Howser graduated from Macon County High School and went on to obtain his undergraduate degree from Union University located in Jackson, Tennessee. He attended Union on a football scholarship, quarterbacking its team in 1937, 1938 and 1939. He became a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity while at Union.

Following his undergraduate work, he attended Vanderbilt University Law School for two years, but because of its closing during World War II he spent his last year of law school at New York University (NYU). Upon being admitted to the bar, he worked first as counsel for Life & Casualty Insurance Company in Nashville, and then joined the well-known Nashville law firm of Williams, Cummings and West, headed by one of the state’s leading lawyers, Judge Albert Williams. Ben West, later to become mayor of Nashville, was also a member of that firm, which evolved into the firm of Howser, Thomas, Summers and Binkley. Mr. Howser rounded out his distinguished legal career as a partner

with the firm of Trabue, Sturdivant & DeWitt of Nashville. During his more than fifty years of active practice of law, he served his clients with vigor, wisdom, integrity and success. Among his many achievements in the legal field, he served as the initial attorney for the Nashville Housing Authority, which was the predecessor of today's Metropolitan Development Housing Authority. For a time he served as a member of the Board of Governors of the Tennessee Bar Association.

Mr. Howser was an avid sportsman and sports fan throughout his life. In addition to his prowess on the football field, he played golf frequently and well, most often in his later years with his long-time good friend and Vanderbilt classmate, the recently departed Dewees Berry, Sr. of Franklin. When Hugh and Dewees were playing in their late 80s, Hugh shot a hole-in-one. Not to be outdone, one week later Dewees matched it with a hole-in-one on the same hole. Hugh was a longtime member of both Richland and Brentwood Country Clubs.

When Hugh was a law student at Vanderbilt in 1940 and 1941 he played second base for the Commodore varsity baseball team.

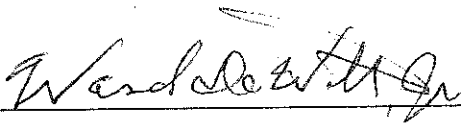
Following World War II Mr. Howser served as the referee in the annual Thanksgiving day football game between Middle Tennessee State University and Tennessee Tech.

In 2004 Mr. Howser was inducted into the Macon County Sports Hall of Fame.

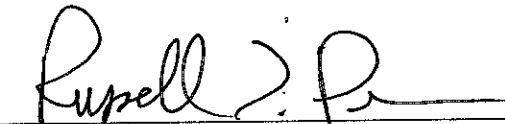
Hugh Howser was truly a fine lawyer, sports enthusiast and participant, and a loyal and patriotic citizen. He was a well-read and cultured gentleman and family man, and a credit to the Tennessee Bar. In his passing we bemoan the loss of an honorable and highly-regarded friend and colleague, and to his family we extend our sincere and deep compassion.

I therefore move that this resolution be adopted, that it be spread upon the Memorial Book of the Chancery Court of Davidson County, and that a copy be furnished to his family.

Respectfully submitted, this 24th day of May, 2012



Ward DeWitt, Jr., Chairman



Chancellor

SECONDED AND ENDORSED BY:

Gareth Aden

Blind Akrawi

Warner Bass

Lee Barfield

John P. Branham

Lew Conner

W. Lee Corbett

J.V. Crockett

Greer Cummings, Jr.

Dan Elrod

Jack King

Jeffrey R. King

Judge Joe Loser, Jr.

Gayle Malone

Roger May

W. Neal McBrayer

Mary G. Moody

George Mudter

Bill Ozier

Don Paul

James Porter

John R. Reynolds

Robert H. Schwartz

Tracy Shaw

Eric Stevens

Mandy Young