

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION  
FOR  
HENRY W. HOOKER

As a lawyer, entrepreneur, executive, sportsman, family man and friend, Henry Hooker left a legacy of vision, enthusiasm and warmth. He passed away at home following a long illness on Monday, April 24, 2017.

Mr. Hooker was born in Nashville on April 14, 1933 to the late civic leader Darthula Williamson June and the late John Jay Hooker Sr., a prominent Nashville attorney. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Alice Kirby Hooker "Teenie" Buchtel, and brother, John Jay Hooker Jr.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Alice Ingram Hooker; sons Bradford Williamson Hooker (Jamie Ball) of Gloucestershire, England and Timothy Ingram Hooker of Wellington, Fla.; daughter Lisa Hooker Campbell (John Palmer Campbell III) of Nashville; grandchildren Henry Williamson Hooker II, Alexander Guy Hooker, Lily Marie Robertson, Alice Hooker Campbell, Eileen Campbell Hart (Christopher Forbes Hart), John Palmer Campbell IV, Charles Ingram Hooker and Heather Louise Hooker; uncle, Henry Bradford Williamson III of Dayton, Ohio; and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

Over the years, Mr. Hooker received many accolades. Two particularly noteworthy awards pertained to his business and sports contributions. Nashville Magazine honored him as a Nashvillian having the greatest impact on the city from 1965-1985. And in 2015, he and his wife were inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame for helping elevate the Iroquois Steeplechase from a unique sporting event into a spectacular citywide fundraiser for what is now the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. The couple initiated the fundraising union between the Volunteer State Horsemen's Association and its Iroquois Steeplechase and the hospital. The 27-year alliance that the Hookers oversaw raised more than \$8 million for the medical institution.

A Nashville native, Mr. Hooker attended Montgomery Bell Academy, The Choate School in Connecticut and the Graham Eckes School in Florida, where he was valedictorian. After just three years of high school, he entered Vanderbilt University, earning his philosophy degree in 1954. One extremely impactful year of that coursework took place at Queens College, Oxford, England.

Following two years of U.S. Army service, Mr. Hooker enrolled in Tulane Law School, excelling academically. He was a finalist at Moot Court Nationals, editor of the Tulane Law Review and elected to the Order of the Coif. After completing his law degree, he and his wife moved to Nashville to raise their family.

Upon returning to Nashville, Henry Hooker and his brother, John Jay, established the firm of Hooker & Hooker, later Hooker, Hooker & Willis, which quickly became one of the top firms in Nashville.

Henry's intelligence, legal knowledge and practical common sense promptly led to his having a major role in the important legal contests in the 1960's despite his relatively young age.

periodicals including The Chronicle of the Horse. His poem, "The Gamest Fox," even appeared in Fred Russell's sports column in The Nashville Banner.

Mr. Hooker was chairman of the Iroquois Steeplechase Race Committee for 17 years. He also served as chairman of the National Steeplechase Association.

He owned numerous award-winning horses, including Terossain, who competed in The Grand National Steeplechase in Liverpool, England and Spin the Top, who won many Steeplechase races, which included the Frost Brush Race at the Iroquois.

In 1980, Mr. and Mrs. Hooker envisioned transforming Nashville's Iroquois Steeplechase - founded in 1941 by the Hillsboro Hounds - into an updated and competitive premier event benefitting Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. At that time, Mr. Hooker was secretary of the Volunteer State Horsemen's Association, which put on the race. Mrs. Hooker chaired the Children's Hospital board. The two brought about the "marriage" of the Horsemen and the Friends of Children's Hospital, rendering the hospital the beneficiary of the Steeplechase's largess. Children's Hospital volunteers became an efficient corps driving community interest and handling the vibrant social side of the event. The foxhunters managed the race and logistics.

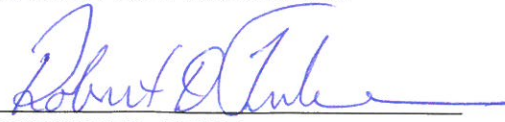
Organizers dedicated the 1985 Iroquois Steeplechase to Mr. Hooker when he stepped down as race chairman. Later, the Friends of the Children's Hospital Committee honored the couple by the establishment of a charity fund named "Alice and Henry Hooker Endowment Fund" for the benefit of Monroe Carell, Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Nashville Bar Association that we honor the life and work of Henry W. Hooker and mourn in his passing the loss of a keen mind, a caring spirit, and who sought justice for all.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this memorial resolution be placed in the permanent records of the association and entered in the "In Memoriam" minute book of the Chancery Court of Davidson County, Tennessee, and that copies thereof be furnished to members of his family.

  
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