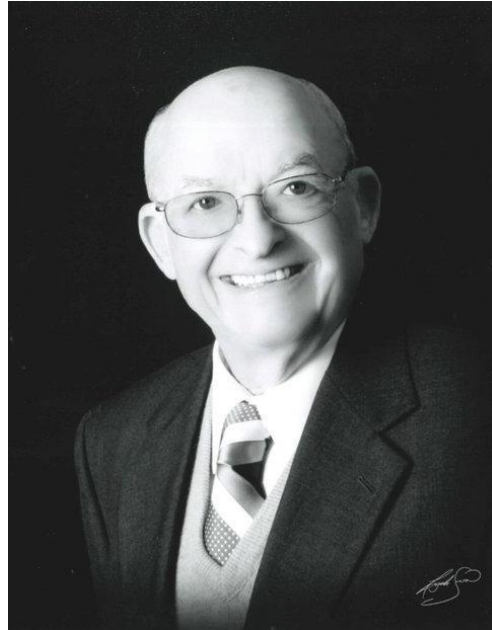


Charles “Cookie” Cookson

1922 - 2015



Mr. Cookson was a native of Kansas and was born August 13, 1922, to Ellis and Marie Cookson. Widely known throughout the nation’s oil and gas industry as “Cookie”, he lived his entire life in Wichita. Cookson wrote high school sports for both the Wichita Beacon and the Wichita Eagle while attending North High in the late 1930’s and graduated from the University of Wichita with a degree in journalism in 1946. He served in the military from 1943 to 1946, earning a bronze star during combat in Europe as a liaison officer, and was discharged with the rank of Captain after serving as a regimental adjutant in the army of occupation.

He was united in marriage to Margaret Joyce Wedel on May 7, 1949. Cookson was executive-secretary of the National Baseball Congress in the late forties and fifties. Together with his wife, Joyce, he founded the *Kansas Oil Reporter* in 1958 – forerunner to the *American Oil & Gas Reporter*. Cookson directed the operations and remained publisher until 1986 when he assumed the title Publisher Emeritus. On April 16, 2010, he was inducted into the Butler County Historical Society and Kansas Oil Museum’s Legacy Gallery. Among other laymen’s duties performed in the Catholic Church, he served as president of the Wichita Deanery Council of

Catholic men, and later as president of the Wichita Diocesan Council for the same organization in the early seventies. Cookson was also a member of the American Legion and VFW. He and Joyce were parishioners at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church for over fifty years and then most recently at St Catherine of Siena.

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