



## J Fred Duckett

He was born a fourth generation native Houstonian. The oldest son of Harry Davis and Dorothy Boettcher Duckett. Fred taught at St John's School, worked for American General Insurance as an agent and for the last 16 years, taught history at Awty International School. In his spare time, he announced sporting events all over the City, State and Nation. His voice rang out, loud and clear, at Rice for football, basketball and track & field events. He could be heard at the microphone in the Astrodome for the Astros, Oilers and the Blue Bonnet Bowl. He also announced for Uof H, UT, TSU, HBU, TAMU, the Houston Marathon and many other venues. J. Fred was known as one of the foremost authorities on track & field in the area. He officiated, announced and coached. Because of his love and vast knowledge of track & field he worked with the U.S. Olympic Committee at three Olympic games, 1976, 1984, and 1988. He also served on the board of the U.S. Olympic Festival when it was here in Houston. Fred received his B.A. in history from Rice Institute in 1955 and his master's from The University of Texas at Austin. After college, he spent a year in The Netherlands as a Fullbright Scholar. Upon his return from abroad he led many high school students on several summer tours through Europe with the Experiment in International Living program. Fred and his wife Baudine, were also Host Family to many foreign Graduate Students at Rice University over the years. He was an active member of the Rice University "R" Association and The Holland Club of Houston. Fred leaves behind a legacy which can be seen the world over in the lives and careers of the students and people he taught, coached, and mentored.