

V. Richard “Dick” Hoover

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V. Richard “Dick” Hoover was born in Marion, Kansas July 13, 1926 and raised in Winfield, Kansas. He graduated from Winfield High School in 1944, Kansas State University in 1948 with a B.S. degree in Geology, and Oklahoma University in 1949 with a B.S. degree in Engineering. He wed Beverly Hill in 1951.

He began his career in the Oil Industry as a roughneck in Wyoming before finally finding employment as a geologist in 1949. In 1957, he formed Chief Drilling Company, which was one of the strongest independent oil companies in Kansas. He expanded his businesses to include hotels, restaurants, and banking in the following years. He served as director and president of the Kansas Independent Oil and Gas Association (KIOGA), director of the Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA), Kansas Geological Society, Society of Petroleum Engineers and International Association of Drilling Contractors.

He served as Elder of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, member of the Board of Trustees of Friends University. He was a member of the President’s Club, Ahem Scholarship Club, Geological Advisory Board, and KSU Foundation at Kansas State University. He was 1997 President of Central States Shrine Band Association, a

member of Midian Shrine and an active member of Midian Shrine Band. He served as an officer and director of the Kansas Children's Service League, and an Advisory Board member of Valley Hope in Wichita. He enjoyed many leisure interests over the years, such as flying, skiing, golf, and yachting. His most enduring activity was his love of music, and played saxophone and clarinet from a young age.

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