



### **GALLERY OF DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS INDUCTEE 1997**

**NASIEF JOE ROOKIS** was born in Birmingham and served as President of the Rookis Agency, Inc., an agency that provides group and individual insurance. He was very active in professional and civic activities in the Birmingham Metropolitan area. Mr. Rookis graduated from John Carroll High School and attended the University of Tennessee. He also completed the LUTC 11 (Life Underwriters Training Council).

His many contributions include serving as a board member of the Birmingham Parking Authority, two terms as President of the Birmingham Park and Recreation Board, member of the Birmingham Planning and Zoning Board and Chairman of the Governor's Private Industry Council for the State of Alabama to which he was appointed by Governor George Wallace.

Mr. Rookis received many awards. He was a recipient of the Multi-Racial Friendship Award given by the Birmingham Urban League, Distinguished and Unselfish Service Award given by the Birmingham Park and Recreation Board, Southern Regional Quality Award of Recognition as Chairman of the Private Industry Council and the Outstanding Citizen's Award for the City of Vestavia Hills Board of Education.

He passed away in November 2003.