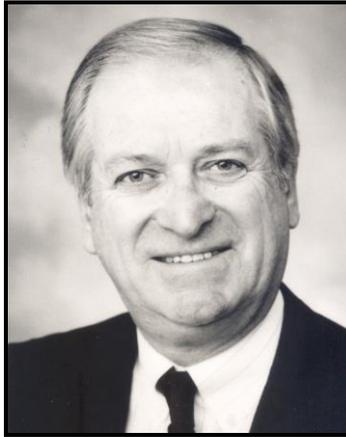


## 1993 Engineer of Distinction



**Robert E. Rose**

B.S. Civil Engineering, TPI, 1958  
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### Citation

Robert E. Rose was born in Clarksville, Tennessee, where he began his college days at Austin Peay State College in 1951 before transferring to Tennessee Polytechnic Institute in 1952. A stint in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, with service in Korea, interrupted the formal education—1954 and 1955.

Returning to Tech in 1956, he graduated with a bachelor of science in civil engineering in 1958. During his senior year, Mr. Rose served as President of the Associated Student body, at that time the first engineering student to hold that office.

His professional career began in Memphis with Harland Bartholomew Associates/Clark-Daily-Dietz as a civil engineer assisting in the design of the Memphis-Shelby County Interstate System. He then moved to Knoxville, Tennessee, where he was employed by the Tennessee Valley Authority as a civil design engineer. Mr. Rose was among the initial group of engineers sponsored by TVA to complete their work for a Master's degree entirely through the evening school at the University of Tennessee.

It was at this point in 1965 that Mr. Rose changed directions in his career by joining the Rentenbach Engineering Company as a Project Engineer in their Construction Division. Mr. Rose was made a Vice President in 1971 and Executive Vice President in 1981. His career at Rentenbach contained many achievements as he helped to manage their growth. The most challenging and satisfying achievement was the construction management of the 1982 World's Fair.

During this time he served in many positions with the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers and the American Society of Civil Engineers, serving both organizations as President. He was chosen "Young Engineer of the Year" in 1968 by the Knoxville Chapter of TSPE. He received recognition and honorary membership in Chi Epsilon by the UT-Knoxville Chapter as an "Engineer of Distinction" in 1963. Mr. Rose also found time to serve as President of Beaver Brook Country Club, Chairman of the Official Board and Elder at First Christian Church, Knoxville.

A new challenge took Mr. Rose to Atlanta, Georgia, in 1987 where he became Executive Vice President for Design and Construction of L.J. Hooker Corporation, an international real estate developer. He served in that capacity until 1990 when he returned to Tennessee where he is now Vice-President-Construction for Forcum-Lannom Associates, Inc., a firm specializing in design/build work as well as water and wastewater treatment facilities.



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