

H.C.C. May 16, 2004

**WILLIAM DAVIS
HOUGHTON**

Mr. William Davis Houghton, age 88 of Crockett, passed away Friday, May 7, 2004 in the Whitehall Nursing Center. Mr. Houghton was born October 21, 1915 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and had been living in Crockett for the past 14 years. Mr. Houghton was a graduate of RCA Institutes and joined RCA's communications research facility at Rocky Point, L.I., in 1940, where he took an active part in the development of the RCA color television system. After trans-

fering to Princeton in 1944, he helped to develop the RCA color video tape system used to broadcast prerecorded signals over commercial TV stations. Mr. Houghton also headed a group that developed "Home-fax," a television facsimile message system. More recently, he headed the research on a system for sending still TV pictures over telephone networks, which was the basis for the RCA globecom Video-voice system. Mr. Houghton was named Head of Consumer Systems Research in 1969, and since 1976 was in charge of Special Projects Research. Mr. Houghton retired from Video Systems Research with more than 38 years of service and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years Margaret S. Houghton, of Crockett; daughter Heather Bixby, of Crockett; numerous other relatives.

Memorial services for Mr. William Davis Houghton were held Thursday, May 13, at 1:00 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church.

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