

THOMAS EUGENE NICHOLS

T.E. Nichols was born in Holly Springs, Mississippi. After his graduation from the University of Tennessee he worked in Memphis, then moved to Knoxville when he went to work for TVA. He served in the Field Artillery and was awarded five campaign stars and the Bronze Medal. He served 33 years in the Tennessee National Guard and rose to the rank of Colonel.

While with TVA he transferred to Florence, Alabama in 1961. In 1962, he joined the Exchange Club and served on the Board of Directors, and in the offices of Secretary, President, and District Director. The Florence Club was awarded both the Big "E" and Big "A" for excellence while he was President. He organized and managed the 50th anniversary of the Florence Club. He initiated "Youth Day" in City Government sponsored by the Florence Exchange Club.

He served on the Mayor's Advisory Committee for two years, 1971 and 1972. He was very active in Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). He served as a volunteer and Board Member for the American National Red Cross, Lauderdale County Chapter.

He received the City of Florence Award for excellent performance and dedicated service as a member of the Bicentennial Committee of Florence, Alabama in 1976. He served as Director of the 4th of July Bicentennial Celebration in 1976. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Men of the Church and served as President of Adult Fellowship.

Gene was the good citizen who never could turn down an opportunity to serve his community and his fellow man.