



#### GOVS WHO LEAD THROUGH SERVICE

## **BEN KIMBROUGH SR.**

Austin Peay alumnus Ben Kimbrough Sr. graduated from Austin Peay State University in 1951 with a bachelor's degree in business. Since that time, he has been a dedicated supporter of his alma mater. Only a few years after earning his degree, he co-founded The Tower Club, an organization intended to provide financial support to the University.

Kimbrough has served as a member and past president of the APSU Foundation Board of Trustees, a member of the APSU Foundation Investment Committee and past president of the APSU National Alumni Association. Additionally, he has supported Austin Peay through many generous contributions to the Candlelight Ball, the Woodward Library Society, the Mickey Fisher Golf Tournament and several endowed scholarships to benefit APSU students.

In May 2003, Kimbrough, along with his late wife Margaret, jump-started APSU's first capital campaign with a sizable pledge from the couple's estate, plus a large cash donation during the campaign.

An influential local businessman and philanthropist in the Clarksville community, Kimbrough is also a past president of the Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce. His children, Martha Kimbrough Hopson and her late husband John, Ben Kimbrough Jr. and his wife Beverly, Bill Kimbrough and his wife Betsy, along with his grandchildren, are all distinguished leaders within the community as well.

In 2004, Kimbrough was honored with the Tennessee Board of Regents Award for Excellence in Philanthropy for his continual support of APSU. His efforts have helped create a thriving academic community at the University, which will continue to inspire and motivate future generations of APSU students.