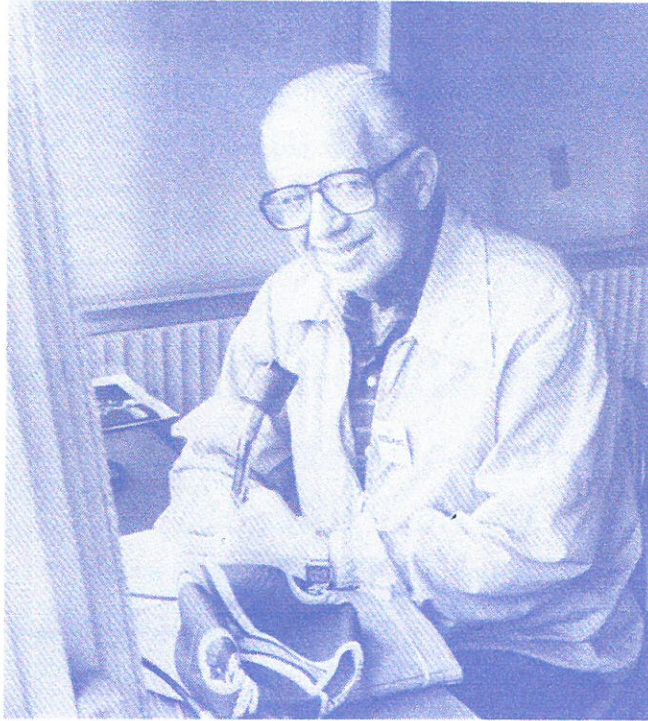


## ARLINGTON SPORTS HALL OF FAME



### RAY E. MICHAEL

Ray was the "Voice of the Redskins" at RFK and Griffith Stadiums for 44 years and the "Voice of the Better Sports Club" as Master of Ceremonies for the Club's Annual Awards Banquet for 26 years. During those 26 years, through 1983, many distinguished guests, celebrities from the sports world, business community and public service, appeared at the sports banquet to brighten the festivities and to help honor the youth of Arlington. Ray's light most often shined the brightest. He was a real "pro" and did much to make the Annual Awards Banquet a memorable experience for all who attended.

Ray was a native of Fairmont, West Virginia, and received a degree in Journalism from West Virginia University. He moved to Arlington in 1939 and began a successful career in radio and television. He worked for WMAL radio until 1947, then switched to WNBW, which became WRC, and did radio and television sportscasts until he retired in 1974.

Ray dedicated much of his adult life to the support of youth, particularly to those in Arlington County. He was an avid sportsman and served on the Better Sports Club's Board of Governors for many years. Ray was the recipient of the Billy Castleberry Award as the Club's outstanding member in 1972. He died in 1984 at age 70.