



Name: Heywood Hale Broun

Years: March 10, 1918- September 5, 2001

Residence: Woodstock, NY

Brief Biography: Heywood Hale Broun (Woodie) was born in New York City where he grew up in a family of journalists. His father was the founder of the American Newspaper Guild and a writer for *The New York World* while his mother was America's first female movie critic. He studied English at Swarthmore College and graduated in 1940. Fresh out of school he got a job as a sportswriter at *PM*, a New York City tabloid. With the start of World War II, Heywood joined the army and served as sergeant in the field artillery. After the war he went back to work as a sports columnist at *PM* and then later at *The New York Star*, its successor. In 1965 Broun was offered a job at CBS, where he became a sports commentator. He was soon established as a well recognized personality, known for his handlebar moustache and multicolored sports jackets. His commentary was full of quick wit and elegant phrasing, often comparing athletics to Greek mythology. His quotations and metaphors transcended broadcasts and became a part

of popular culture. The best of his broadcasts were compiled into an ESPN Classic series, *Woodies World*, which ran from 2002-2005. In his spare time, Heywood enjoyed acting and appeared in several Broadway plays and movies including "For Pete's Sake" and "It Should Happen to You". He also wrote three books entitled "A Studied Madness", "Tumultuous Merriment" and "Whose Little Boy Are You: A Memoir of the Broun Family". Heywood married an actress, Jane Lloyd Jones and had one son who passed away from a spinal injury. For the latter part of his life, Heywood resided in Woodstock, NY, where he was greatly involved in the local community. He passed away in 2001, at age 83.

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