



Hardin-Houston Wall of Honor



Henry Ernst



Henry Ernst, often referred to as Hank, graduated from Fort Loramie High School in 1965. Henry served his country in the late 1960's, by completing two tours in the Vietnam War. In 1972, Henry created Piqua Concrete Company, which included four plants between the Piqua and the Dayton area. Henry owned and operated this very successful concrete company for forty-six years. Shortly thereafter in 1975, Henry and his wife Linda took up roots in the Hardin-Houston School District and became an instrumental part of the school community for many years.

Mr. Ernst was a Hardin-Houston School Board of Education member from 1990-1998, serving in the capacity of board president for seven of those years. It was during these times when Henry's skills as a business leader enabled the school district to regain a solid financial footing after years of financial strain. Unbeknownst to most, Henry's philanthropy benefitted countless numbers of student groups, athletic teams, and provided support for many athletic facility improvements for the district. To this day, Hank continues to be a humble and generous person, who prefers not to be given any additional public accolades.



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Henry Ernst was inducted on December 9, 2023



Henry Ernst and family on the night of his induction.