



Hardin-Houston Wall of Honor



Joe Maier



Mr. Joe Maier has been a staple in Hardin-Houston athletics for over forty years. Joe and his wife Joan, along with Curt Hedrick, Roger and Sandy Snow created the Hardin Ball Association in the late 1970's. They solicited donations from local businesses and ran the concession stand during the baseball and softball games to help raise money for the Ball Association. They refurbished the existing ball diamonds and added a softball diamond on the old Hardin-Houston Elementary property. Many spring and summer afternoons you would see Joe dragging the ball diamonds, mowing and lining the fields in preparation for the Wildcats evening ballgames. As you can imagine, Joe would be the first to recognize and thank Curt, Roger and Sandy, and all the other coaches who were so essential in the first few years of existence of the Ball Association.

Besides his many years with the Ball Association, Joe spent countless hours coaching and mentoring hundreds of Hardin-Houston youth in various capacities. Over the years Joe coached Little League baseball, Acme baseball, 5th/6th grade basketball, and junior high boys basketball. Without a doubt, there were a countless number of positive memories imparted on many Wildcats Joe coached over the years, including a few stern redirections that Coach Joe was notorious for, especially at the expense of his five boys. Joe also found time during these busy years to donate his time umpiring baseball games and refereeing basketball games at all levels.

One constant with Joe throughout his many years within the Hardin-Houston School District is that he wanted what was best for all Wildcat kids. Joe not only wanted to give all the young Wildcats within the district the ability to participate in sports, but also teach them teamwork and give kids an opportunity to do something constructive with their time.



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Joe Maier was inducted on November 25, 2022



Joe Maier and family on the night of his induction.