



Hardin-Houston Wall of Honor



Roy and Gertrude Roeth



Roy Roeth lived in Houston his entire life. Roy attended Houston School through 11th grade, and because Houston School did not have a senior grade at that time, he had to attend Piqua for his senior year in order to graduate in 1927. Roy was manager of the Houston Farmer's Elevator from the 1930's through 1979. After Roy married Gertrude, they moved to North Houston and eventually settled in Houston. They had 9 children. Three of their children were in band. During the 1950's and 1960's, Roy and Gertrude were part of the band boosters and sold degreaser to help pay for the first band uniforms. The Houston band did not have any uniforms before this time. The uniforms that were purchased with this money were wool. Roy and Gertrude also both belonged to the PTA during this time frame, while their children were attending Houston School.

Roy and Gertrude felt that Houston needed a center in the community for fellowship of the Houston community, family, and friends. They were involved in the original planning meetings. They donated part of their land for the Houston Community Center as well. They also had fundraisers such as selling placemats and Monday night bingo to help pay for the building. They continued to have fundraisers until the building was paid off.

Roy and Gertrude also donated land for the Houston Fire Department. On his days off, Roy cut wood to sell to help pay for the fire department building. Roy was the fire chief at the Houston Fire Department in the 1970's. Both Roy and Gertrude were on the rescue squad for Houston during the 1970's as well.

Roy and Gertrude were both active in the Houston Grange and held offices. Gertrude was the leader of the Junior Grange in Houston and lead the meetings with the Houston children. She planned fun events for the children as well, such as taking a bus of Houston children to 36 Skate Club in Piqua. She also planned the Shelby County Fair booth for the Grange.

Roy was a Mason and a member of the board for the Loramie Banking Company. Gertrude taught Catechism to the junior-high-aged children at St. John's Lutheran Church, while they were both Sunday school teachers at their church.

Roy and Gertrude always participated in their children's activities at Houston School. Their boys were all active in sports and they helped support the sports teams during this timeframe, which was from the 1940's through the 1970's. All 6 of their sons were also Ohio State FFA Degree recipients and Roy and Gertrude helped support their sons in their efforts to receive this award.

Roy and Gertrude have been incredible examples of helping others and building up the Houston community. They donated what was needed, and then selflessly volunteered to take part in the work that was needed to be done. They also stepped up to take on leadership positions, and they did all of this while raising 8 children.



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Roy and Gertrude Roeth were inducted on December 6, 2019.



The family of Roy and Gertrude Roeth accepting their induction biography.