



## Hardin-Houston Wall of Honor



### Ruth E. Heins



Ruth E. Heins graduated from Green Township High School in 1945, then earned her education degree at Defiance College in 1950. Ruth spent her first six years teaching between Piqua and Sidney City Schools before beginning her 25-year tenure at Hardin-Houston Local Schools teaching grades 4 through 6 and retiring in 1982.

As an educator, Ruth was fierce, creative, and caring. She kept pictures, notes, and even grade books from her years of teaching. Ruth was proud of all her students' accomplishments and encouraged them to pursue whatever they loved, but especially to take up careers in education (and of course, to attend her beloved Defiance College). In true teacher fashion, Ruth made sure her former students were all on track long after they left her room, knowing their careers, marriages, children, and even grandchildren, writing them letters and calling them on the phone to check in – a testament to how the love of a teacher goes far beyond the classroom walls.

Ruth was a well-known mentor to her fellow educators: always having materials for projects, reference books for lessons, and a listening ear for any problem. Long after her retirement, Ruth was often stopped in public by former students and coworkers, just to let her know how much she impacted them. Ruth was an active member of the Houston community and could always be counted on to be at any local event -- especially a Wildcat basketball game -- until her passing in March 2019 at age ninety-one.

Ruth had a passion for education and a dedication to making her part of the world better one student at a time, inspiring her children and grandchildren to follow in her path.



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Ruth Heins was inducted on November 26, 2021



The family of Ruth Heins accepting her induction biography.