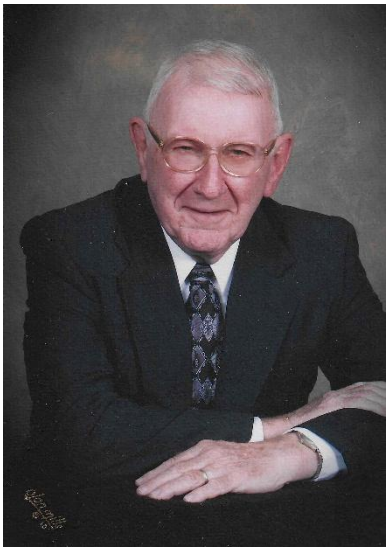
Hardin-Houston Wall of Honor

David L. Boggs



David Boggs is a 1951 graduate of Spencer High School in Spencer, WV where he was also co-captain of the football team. Mr. Boggs earned his degree in education from Marshall University in 1955. He, along with several other college classmates, was recruited for a teaching position in Champaign County which initiated his move to Ohio. His initial teaching job in Champaign County was also where he met his future wife, a secretary with the county Board of Education. After teaching for 7 years at Christiansburg-Jackson Mr. Boggs accepted a position at Houston High School where he spent the remainder of his 30 years in education teaching American and World History as well as Driver's Education – both during the school year and over the summer.

During these 23 years, he instilled the importance of understanding the history of America from its founding to current events as well as the history of the world from ancient civilizations to the modern era – and he made it interesting. He was recognized as an Outstanding Teacher in 1983 for having winning students, either individually or as a team in the American History State Scholarship Test for 10 years. During his tenure the National Honor Society chapter at Houston was renamed in his honor having been an advisor. He taught countless numbers of Houston graduates how to drive responsibly through the school's Driver Training program (one of whom he recently saw and mentioned he had "never had an accident"). Students may remember a golf tee with golf ball perched atop of it on the dash – and efforts to not dislodge the ball due to too sharp of a turn or too quick acceleration.

As a teacher and advisor Mr. Boggs demonstrated the importance of dependability, commitment, honesty and always doing everything to the absolute best of your ability. The students at Houston expressed their appreciation and respect during his 23 years by dedicating the yearbook to Mr. Boggs in 1965, 1969 and 1985.

After retiring from teaching, a family friend and president of one of the local banks asked him if he could 'help out' as a courier for a bit as an existing courier had recently left. The 'helping out' turned into a second career of more than 28 years, with Mr. Boggs not fully retiring until well past his 80th birthday. In his free time, he has continued a hobby he began in his 20's on family genealogy. That 70-year hobby has resulted in a database of more than half a million names, the aggregation of 9 volumes of obituaries from his hometown newspaper and the completion of 6 books.

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David L. Boggs was inducted on December 6, 2025

David L. Boggs and family on the night of his induction.