



Who was Harold Cryar?

Harvey Harold Cryar was born in Honey Island, Texas on August 9, 1925. He passed away in Conroe, Texas on January 19, 2013 at the age of 87.

Growing up, Harold had a wonderful childhood in Baytown, Texas and later in Old Humble Camp to the east of Conroe in Montgomery County. He was a member of the Boy Scouts and numerous athletic teams. He was a receiver on the Conroe High School varsity football team of 1943. Harold served in the United States Navy during World War II in both the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. In 2010, he was proud and delighted to be a member of Honor Flight 4, flying from Montgomery County, Texas to Washington, DC to visit the World War II Memorial.

Following the war, he returned to Conroe to work for Humble Oil Company while working on his Bachelor degree at Texas A&M College and Sam Houston State University. After receiving his degree from SHSU in 1952, he went to work for Conroe ISD. In 1962, he received a Master of Education degree from Sam Houston State University. He worked for CISD for 28 years, retiring in 1981. During his years at CISD, he was a teacher, coach, Principal, and Assistant Superintendent for Personnel. After retirement he served as a member of the CISD Board of Trustees for five terms, making 43 total years of service to the Conroe Independent School District.

In 1998, Harold was honored to serve as the Grand Marshal of the Conroe Kiwanis Christmas Parade. He also enjoyed "serving time in jail" to raise funds for the Montgomery County Crimestoppers in 1991. But his greatest accomplishment, and the one of which he was most proud, was having Harold Cryar Intermediate School named in his honor. The school opened in 2004 with a wonderful reception in his honor. Harold spent many years as a member of Conroe Rotary Club. He received the Paul Harris Award multiple times. He loved serving the Conroe community. One of his favorite activities was leading the "I Like Me" book program, which provides personalized books for elementary school students. Another organization that was dear to Harold was the Conroe Symphony Orchestra. He spent many years on the Board of Directors for the symphony and greatly enjoyed their performances.

Harold led a Christian-centered life. As a youth, he served the Humble Camp Baptist Church as a janitor. He joined the First Methodist Church of Conroe before his marriage to Caroline. He was a faithful servant of the church, serving in many capacities from usher to church Board Member. He co-authored, with Dearing Jones and a committee, a history book of the First Methodist Church of Conroe, titled Upon this Rock. He married the love of his life, Caroline Carson Berry, on June 9, 1951. They had 2 children, Carol and Carson.