

## RONALD B. JARVIS

Ronald Jarvis received his elementary education degree in 1951. He began his educational career teaching sixth grade at the Irondale district. Beginning in December of 1951, he began serving in the United States Air Force and was discharged in December of 1955. After his discharge from military duty, he returned to Irondale as an eighth grade teacher and principal.

Mr. Jarvis began his career in the Dunklin R-5 School District in 1960 as an eighth grade teacher and basketball coach. In 1971, he was appointed the first principal of Senn-Thomas Middle School. He continued to serve in the position until he retired in 1985.

His educational career consisted of thirty years with twenty-five of those years devoted to the Dunklin R-5 School District.

After his retirement, he opened the Sandy Valley Hunt Club and continues to operate the club to this day at the young age of 87. He is the senior deacon at the First Baptist church of Horine.

Mr. Jarvis is a wonderful example of a family man. He and Ina, his bride of 69 years still reside in their family home on Sandy Valley Road. Here they raised five children, Rhonda and Jeff (both deceased), Kerry, Jena and Rick.

Mr. Jarvis was known for teaching not only curriculum, but about life and growing up through the middle school years. He showed his students compassion and discipline through his actions and his many meaningful conversations about life. Through his own life experiences, he taught his students how to become productive young citizens.

As an administrator, many have noted how he understood the challenges teachers faced in the classroom and he was there for guidance and support. He is an honorable man guided through his years of growing up in the depression, serving in the military and living a Christian life.

Quoting Mr. Jarvis about life, "I have enjoyed it." "You can make life hard or pleasant. I choose to make it pleasant."