



## 2009 Alumni Honor Roll | Reasons to Believe



Role models who give us *Reasons to Believe* in the power of education

### Harley D. Huggins

Argentine High School, 1944

(1926–2004) Memorial:

Harley Huggins was a wonderful example of service, success and selflessness. During his life, he was a successful businessman, a well respected and involved community member and a loving husband and father.

He lived his entire life in Kansas City, Kansas. After graduating from Argentine High School, he served in the Coast Guard during World War II. In 1945 he married Virginia O'Connell and started a family that over a 20-year span would grow to five. After the service, Huggins started his career as a machinist working for the Santa Fe Railroad. But seeing a bigger future for himself, he opened his own insurance company, Huggins Insurance, in 1958 in the Argentine area. By that time, he had already begun his life of service to others.



Huggins coached and sponsored bowlers at Community Bowling Alley. He coached CYO girls' softball for 12 years and co-founded the Wyandotte County Softball Association. He was president of Our Lady of Unity School Board for 10 years, and president of the Argentine Activities Association and the Argentine Optimists. If anything happened in Argentine between 1960 and 2000, Huggins was involved.

He had a successful political career as well. He was a precinct committeeman and a justice of the peace. He was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives in 1966, serving for eight years. He remained involved in Wyandotte County politics until his death in 2004. In fact, his passing was recognized on the floor of the Kansas House of Representatives.

He received numerous awards for his service work. He was honored for 30 years of service to CYO sports and was inducted into the Turner Walk of Fame in 1992.

His KCK education provided a solid foundation for his career and accomplishments. He was proud to be a Dotte.