

## **Our Second Honorary Inductee in the Class of 2012 is:**

### **Lester Squier:**

Born in Nicholson, PA, on September 3, 1906, Lester was the son of Marshall S. Squier and Bertha (Brown) Squier. His parents were farmers. Lester would refer to his family as "sons of the soil". Lester attended Nicholson Twp. Elementary School and graduated in 1923 from Nicholson Borough High School. He received his Bachelor of Science in Education from Mansfield State College in 1930, where he played football and baseball.

After graduation, Lester began his teaching career in Lehman Township High School where he taught math and coached the football team. Lester married Helen Montgomery, who taught in the Lehman Schools and raised two sons, Karl, who currently lives in Rhode Island, and Roy, who resides in Florida. Lester became Supervising Principal of the Lehman Township High School and three elementary schools in Lehman located on Meeker Road, Outlet Road and Marchakitus Road.

In 1935, Lester achieved his Masters in Education from Pennsylvania State University and returned to his hometown of Nicholson where he became Principal of Nicholson Borough High School until 1942. He became Assistant Superintendent of the Wyoming County School District from 1942 until 1948.

Upon returning to Lehman in 1949, Lester and his family settled into Lehman Township and built a home on Outlet Road. Lester became Supervising Principal of the Lehman-Jackson Joint School which eventually became the Lake-Lehman Area Joint School. On September 30, 1965, Lester Squier submitted his letter of resignation, with much regret, to the Lake-Lehman School Board. He stated in his letter that he wished to accept the position of Supervising Principal of the Wyoming Valley Technical Institute. He thought that this would be a great challenge to be part of a program that would provide an added opportunity for the youth and would also provide an opportunity for adults who wish to seek employment. Also in his letter to the board, he stated "cannot speak too highly of

my two assistants, Mr. Belles and Mr. Marchakitus. Their untiring efforts and loyal cooperation have played a great part in our achievements. We know that they will carry on and provide the leadership for continued progress and greater achievements. They have a great professional and non-professional staff who always place Lake-Lehman first.

Mr. Lester Squire retired from West Side Tech and passed away on April 23, 1989.

*“Few Men combine scholarship and athletic ability to such an extent as Lester. Everyone admires his splendid physique and his fine attitude toward life”.*

*“No one can claim a truer and squarer pal than Lester.”*

- . Quote from Class of 1930, Mansfield College,  
Carontawan Yearbook

*“Instrumental in forming and developing West Side Technical School.”*

- John Miliauskas

*“Lester was a very strong administrator and very determined. He was hired at West Side Tech and they had great confidence in him and made him superintendent.”*

-Anthony Marchakitus

*“In 1948, the Lehman Township School was in great financial distress, they did not know if they would be able to make payroll. Lester Squire was asked to come back to restore the school district to financial order... and he did.”*

-Charlie James

Accepting on behalf of Lester Squier is Mr. Robert O. Roberts