

HALL OF HONOR CLASS OF 2019



RALPH TERRY

Ralph Terry graduated from Coleman High School in 1965. He received his bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State University in photography and English and then undertook post-graduate work in photography and cinematography at the University of Houston and chemical plant operations and management at the College of the Mainland in Texas City. His career has been focused on photography and historical research. After several commercial photography jobs in Houston and Texas City, he returned to Coleman in 1974 where he has owned and operated Terry Studio for the past 45 years. Mr. Terry has done extensive research on the history of Coleman County, Coleman County cemeteries, CHS ex-students, and CHS football and basketball records. Mr. Terry received the Texas State Historical Commission's Distinguished Service Award in 1981, the Bluecat Booster Club Top Cat Award in 1988, was named Coleman Citizen of the Year in 2004, and proclaimed "Coleman Historian" by the Mayor of Coleman in 2018. More recently, Ralph received a Historic Preservation Recognition Award from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for his excellent volunteer work in Historic Preservation. Over the last 35 years, books researched and published by Ralph are "Coleman County and Its People", "Coleman County Cemetery Inscriptions", "The Episcopal Church in Northwest Texas", "Looking Backwards, 1858-1940", "Coleman High School Football, 1910-2009", and "Looking Backwards, 1940-1980." He also builds and maintains the Coleman High School Alumni website and other websites of Coleman County history.