The Harvey and Sharleen Formby Rhoads Endowed Scholarship

Harvey and Sharleen Rhoads were married in May 19, 1990. Harvey was a member of a pioneer family and made a profession of faith in his Lord, Jesus Christ at the age of nine. He was an active member of First Baptist Church of Midland, Texas. He worked with youth, served on the finance committee, was an usher, and helped establish a 300 member co-ed Sunday school class. Harvey sang solos at First Baptist Church of Dallas.

Harvey dropped out of High School to join the Navy and spent two years in the South Pacific. After returning home, he finished high school. His first job was a draftsman for the Atlantic Refining Company in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Later, in Midland he was an oil scout. He was in life insurance for ten years with Metropolitan Life. In 1975, he entered the oil business as an independent operator. He has served as president of the Midland West Rotary Club and at his death he was one of its three Charter members. He was also president of the Midland Heart Association and received the National “Golden Heart Award.”

Harvey represented the essence of the Petroleum Industry and the Petroleum Hall of Fame.

Sharleen partnered with her husband Harvey in the oil ventures and accompanied him to the sites to watch the oil wells come in. Harvey went to be with the Lord in Sharleen’s arms on Sunday night, November 10, 2002.

Sharleen continues to run the family farms and is director and part owner of Citizens National Bank in Crosbyton, Texas.

It is their desire that this endowed scholarship enable promising students to complete their education. In the words of Horace Man, “There is nothing as costly as ignorance.”