



#35: The Fields Family of Humble

There are many families in Humble that have contributed to the community over several generations. But, very few families have contributed to Humble as much as the Fields family. The Fields family originally moved to Humble in 1885, headed by patriarch Jeremiah Fields (1833-1915). It was one of Jeremiah's sons, Charles Fields Sr. (1882-1947), that purchased Rosewood Memorial Park Cemetery in 1937. It is also Charles Fields' descendants that we know so well today. Among the most well-known are:

Jack Milton Fields, Sr. (1924-1990) was one of seven children born to Charles and Octavia Fields. He was best known as being the owner and operator of Rosewood Memorial Park Cemetery, and for being an influential member of the Humble ISD School Board. He served on the school board for nearly 22 years (1967-1989), which includes serving as President four times. He is the only Humble ISD School Board member to have a school named for him (Jack Fields Elementary School). He served the Humble area in many other ways, including as President of the Humble Area Chamber of Commerce and as President of the Humble Rotary. He was also the 1972 recipient of the Chamber's Citizen of the Year Award. By the way, the Octavia Fields Library in Humble is named for his mother, in honor of her contributions to the community.

His son, Jess A. Fields, Sr. is also a big contributor to the Humble community. Jess serves as the current (and third generation) owner of Rosewood. Like his father, he has also served as President of the Humble Chamber of Commerce and as President of the Humble Rotary. Jess served as a volunteer on some big organizations, including the Houston Sports Authority, the Texas Funeral Service Commission and the Texas Cemetery Association. Jess is unique in that he has equally impressive credentials in the Pasadena area! Like his father, Jess was also honored as the 2018 recipient of the Haden McKay Citizen of the Year Award.

Jack's other son, Jack M. Fields, Jr., is nationally known. Jack Fields, Jr. served in the U. S. House of Representatives for the Humble area from 1981 through 1997. After 18 years, he left Congress and started two organizations: the 21st Century Group (a government relations firm) and Texana Global Inc (an international trade corporation). He has served on the Board of Directors for Insperity, AIM Mutual Funds, the Discovery Channel Global Education Fund, and as a trustee of Baylor University. And, like his father and his brother, Jack was the 2001 recipient of the Haden McKay Citizen of the Year Award. Another member of the Fields family, Mrs. Ollie Stone, was the 1974 recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award. That makes the Fields family the family with the largest number of recipients of that award.

Lynn Fields, wife of Jack Fields, Jr., has also been a great contributor to the Humble area. Lynn served on the Humble ISD School Board for 14 years, including two times as President of the Board. Lynn has also contributed to the area in other ways, including her work with The Door (a shelter for battered women and their children), Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Bay Area Women's Center, and much, much more.

The Humble area has benefited from contributions and service of the family and descendants of Jeremiah Fields.