

# Marvin Eades

Class of 1966

## MCHS Hall of Fame Induction 2020

Although the United States Patent and Trademark Office contains thousands of notable copyrights, only a miniscule number carry Southern Indiana ties. MCHS alumnus Marvin Eades, Class of 1966, proudly belongs to the Hoosier roster for helping design an apparatus to safely disarm land mines. But his expertise and contribution in the labor force impact numerous other fields as well.

During his career which started at Clifty Engineering & Tool and Jefferson Proving Ground after his tenure in the U.S. Army and then later spread nationally and internationally as an engineering consultant, the Madison native has led the re-location of 10 companies to/from the United States to Mexico, assisted several major companies such as Textron Aerospace and Duracell Batteries with tooling issues, coordinated the move of Cessna Aircraft's manufacturing facility in Dayton, OH to three states away and helped bring automation to the brake pad industry to facilitate identification and sorting. This ability to contribute and problem-solve started years before his industrial achievements. In the U.S. Army, he merited admittance to Officer Candidate School and the medals and promotions never stopped until he was honorably discharged five years later in 1974 with the rank of captain.

Always eager to learn, do more and provide the best for his family, this Jefferson County native made education a life-long commitment. In 1989, 23 years after he walked across the graduation stage at Connor K. Salm Gymnasium, Eades enrolled at Purdue University-Versailles. Three years later, he earned his associate degree and two years after that in 1994 his bachelor's degree. Although employment often took him away from his roots, he has never called any place home but Madison, the town he loves and helps in quiet, productive ways. One of his most gratifying roles spanned 20 years as scoutmaster for Madison Boy Scout Troop 717. Every Monday night, hundreds of boys over the years witnessed Eades' skills, felt his compassion and followed his guidance to be kind, responsible, courteous young men. For many, he was the only father figure in their lives. Although 54 years have passed since those MCHS senior days, the name Marvin Eades still heads the record books for the 180-yard low hurdles (21.0 seconds) and half-mile relay team (1 minute, 33.9 seconds). In every endeavor – from patents, factory relocations, tooling issues, industrial automation, education to community involvement - Marvin Eades makes MCHS proud.

