



Roy James Lewis



Scholarships have been established by the Edison High School Class of 1961 and by the OEMTF to honor the memory of Roy James Lewis. He was born January 18, 1927 in Porum, OK. He passed from this life Friday, March 2, 2012 in Tulsa at the age of 85. He was reared in Hartford, AR, where he graduated Valedictorian and was President of the Class of 1944.

Lewis earned degrees from Arkansas Polytechnic University, where he was President of the Class of 1955, and from the University of Tulsa. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. Roy was an active member of Boston Avenue Methodist Church. He was Past President of the Rotary Club of Tulsa, Tulsa Area Chapter of Freedoms Foundation, Tulsa Education Association and Tulsa Metropolitan Retired Educators Association.

Roy was a member of the Hartford Masonic Lodge, Tulsa Scottish Rite Consistory 33* where he served as President of the Tulsa Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational Foundation, and the Akdar Shrine. Roy was named recipient of the Scottish Rite Grand Cross award in 2011.

Since 1957, Roy served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Oklahoma Educational Memorial Trust Foundation which has granted more than \$3.5 million in college scholarships to graduates of Tulsa Public Schools (as of May 2025). He was a recipient of the Freedoms Foundation American Educators Medal while serving as Principal of Will Rogers High School. Roy was named American Business Women's Association Boss of the Year in 1983.

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