

Charles E. Dingley



Education:

- 1927 Graduate of Thomas W. Harvey High School
 - The Class of 1927 was the first 4 year class to graduate from the original Thomas W. Harvey High School
 - Active in Le Masque drama club
- Attended classes for teletyping in the state of Indiana

Career Service:

- Western Union Telegraph Company – Painesville, Ohio
 - Began working as a bicycle messenger while a junior at Harvey High School making 10 cents per hour
 - Worked as an operator, using Morse Code and teletyping telegrams
 - Promoted to office manager in 1939 until his retirement in 1971 after 45 years with the company

Honors and Awards:

- Outstanding Service Plaque – Painesville Area Businessmen Association
- Businessman of the Year – Painesville Area Businessmen Association
- Edison Commendation for Service to Amateur Radio
- Bronze Pelican Award – Catholic Youth Organization
- Recognition of Volunteerism – Catholic Youth Organization

Community Service:

- Member of the Lake-Geauga Amateur Radio Club
 - Participated in annual field day competitions, communicating with other radio operators throughout the world
 - Helped to establish communications to areas of the world when natural disasters occurred
- Member of the Lake County Civil Defense Organization
 - Served as Director of Communications
 - Served as an Air Raid Warden for Lake County during World War II
- Boy Scouts of America
 - Served with Pack, Troop, and Post 64 at St. Mary's School
- Volunteer
 - Taught Morse Code to area club members, school students, and individuals
- Lake County Chess Club at the Y.M.C.A.
 - Co-founder

Charles stood 6 feet, 3 inches tall, but it wasn't his height that had people looking up to him; it was his honesty, integrity, and sense of humor that people most admired. He was the type of person on whom you could depend. Charles made a great impact on the lives of many people. His children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren have a rich legacy of giving back to the community where they live, of being proud of who they are, and always being persons of their word.

**Inducted Posthumously:
Member of The Harvey Alumni Association
Distinguished Graduates
May 20, 2010**