

Robert Z. Belles
Knights of the Round Table
Honorary
Class of 2011

Nominated by Committee

Mr. Robert Z. Belles is the son of the late Francis and Laura Blizzard Belles and has spent most of his life in the Back Mountain. Mr. Belles graduated from Noxen High School in 1934 and went on to receive his bachelor's degree from Mansfield State College, now Mansfield University, and his master's degree from Penn State University.

He started teaching math at Noxen High School in 1941 but was called to service by the United States Army and served 4 ½ years in Africa and Europe as an enlisted man and officer with the U.S. Army. After being discharged as a captain in 1945, he returned to Noxen to become supervising high school principal.

In 1951 he became principal of the newly formed Lake-Noxen High School and two years later was named its supervising principal. In 1958 he was named assistant supervising principal of the newly formed Lake-Lehman Joint School District. Until his last year with the district he served as its business manager and superintendent.

June 5, 1999: A Ceremony was held at the Lake-Noxen Elementary School to honor Mr. Belles for decades of dedicated service to the Lake-Lehman community and its schools. Mr. Belles was presented with a portrait of himself during the dedication of the Robert Z. Belles Building which houses the Lake-Noxen Elementary School. Retired Lake-Lehman High School principal and former acting superintendent, John Zaleskas, served as master of ceremonies for the event.

Robert Z. Belles currently resides in Monroe Township and is married to the former Thelma Dietz of Beaumont. They have 2 sons, Robert, F. and Terry.

Robert F., a retired Lt. Colonel in the United States Air Force, lives with his wife Joan in Long Island, NY. They have 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

Terry is an M.D. and resides in Williamsport with his wife Cindy and 2 children.

Community

- St. Lukes Reformation Lutheran Church, Noxen. 80 year member.
- Harveys Lake American Legion since 1946.
- George M. Dallas Lodge, Dallas. 50 year member.
- Irem Shriners, Dallas
- NEA Life member
- Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees.

- **Limited 20 Gun Club since 1946, Treasurer over 50 years**
- **Charter member of South Mountain Land Association.**
- **Monroe Township Community Association**