



## 2013 Honorary Lifetime Award

Mr. Ralph Albright was raised on a farm - the prison farm in Sugar Land, that is! Ralph and his wife, Janis, were raising their two children, Jason and Mandi, in Sugar Land until it became too crowded for their taste, so the family moved to Needville in 1989. Jason was starting high school and Mandi, elementary school. Both would become active in FFA and 4H. Ralph soon joined the Needville Youth Fair and served for years until he felt like it was time for him to step down and let the younger parents join and bring new ideas to the table. While on the fair board, Ralph would take on any task from preparation before the fair, concession stand duties, auction spotter, helping with the auction checkout and handling the collection of the thank you letters.

Although he stepped down from the board, he has stayed busy with his attempts to help the youth by organizing the FFA Honoree Members group to purchase projects at the fair. He also recruits businesses and individuals to contribute to the auction each year. Outside of the fair he has held office in the Chamber of Commerce, the Booster Club, and a Go Texan committee. He volunteers with the Needville Harvest Fest and helps out and cheers on at various Blue Jay sporting events.

Ralph's children both stayed in Needville after marriage to raise their families. He now has 4 grandchildren: Mason 12, Rylie 9, Brysen 4 and Stormy 1. Mason is already an active member in Jr. FFA and a 4H club and has raised and shown broilers, roasters, rabbits and pigs. Ralph may not have been born in Needville but he got here as fast as he could and does his best to be a great neighbor, a great friend and a great supporter of Needville.