

Charles Shannon graduated from Ropes High School in 1947, 70 years ago. He moved with his parents to Ropesville in 1938 as part of the Ropesville Resettlement Project. He attended Texas Tech until 1950 when he married and began farming. He became the gin manager at the age of 25 and spent 38 years in Agribusiness and sales of fertilizer and chemicals. In 1974 he married Jerry Beth Shannon. Charles farmed until 1996. During his lifetime he has served as the Mayor of the City of Ropesville, Secretary of the Ropes ISD Board of Education, a member of the Hockley County School Board, Chairman of the Hockley County Farm Bureau, member of the Hockley County Industrial Foundation, member of the board of the South Plains Community Action Agency. Charles joined the Ropes Lions Club in 1955 and has 63 years of perfect attendance. He has served the Lions Club as a director of the Texas Lions Camp, a committee member of the Texas Lions gold Tournament, and also served as the District 2-T2 Governor(serving 22 counties). He is a member of the Brownfield Masonic Lodge for 65 years, where he has served as the District Deputy Grand Master and the Chair of the Masonic Education Committee. He is a charter member of the Lubbock Scottish Rite. He is a member of the Ropesville United Methodist Church since 1942 and is currently serving as the Chairman of the Administrative Board. In 2006 Charles was inducted into the Texas Lions Hall of Fame and in 1996 was selected by the Natural Resources & Conservation Service as the Hockley County Farmer of the Year. Charles has a daughter, Charlsa, of Weatherford, and son, Larry, of Eastland, who are both graduates of Ropes High School. He also has three granddaughters, two grandsons, four great granddaughters and two great grandsons.

