

Class of 1949 – Raymond Lockman “Ray” Godman.



Ray entered the United States Marine Corps in 1950. He was honorably discharged with a Purple Heart, Korean Service Medal with one bronze star and a United Nations Service Medal. He was a successful businessman, opening and operating the Raymond Godman Insurance Agency for many years and later Godman Hi-Performance. An avid hot rod and race car enthusiast, Ray was

a charter member of the Memphis Rodders Club and later turned this hobby into a prestigious National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) career as owner and operator of the world-



famous Tennessee Bo Weevil. He opened the Lakeland International Raceway in July 1960 and raced on the NHRA

circuit until 1979. One of his crowning accomplishments was winning the US Nationals. As a result of his NHRA success, Ray was inducted in the inaugural class of the International Drag

Racing Hall of Fame in 1991. In addition to his business and racing endeavors, Ray served as President and member of the East Memphis Exchange Club for over 40 years. He was also a member of the Highland Hundred and long-time supporter (50+ years) of the University of Memphis football and basketball programs.