

Sidney Reyes

Born in Harlem in 1933, Sidney A. Reyes distinguished himself throughout his adult career. A thirty-eight year veteran of federal service, he spent time in the Marine Corps, U.S. Postal Service, and U.S. Customs. As Customs Director of the Passenger processing Division in Washington, D.C., he was instrumental in developing and implementing improved processing systems for arriving international passengers at all U.S. Ports of Entry. Skilled in diplomacy, he was often selected to travel with Presidents Carter, Reagan, and Bush, Sr. to represent the U.S. Customs Service in foreign countries. Numerous special achievement and management awards were bestowed upon Sid during his tenure in the Customs and Treasury Departments.

Sid was an active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Kiwanis Club, and the Frederick County Democratic Committee. He sought and won election to the Board of Supervisors, representing the Gainesboro District from 2000 – 2003. Sid was a good listener and effective leader who envisioned all aspects of community.

Throughout his career Sid extolled the value of education in a person's life. He felt that education was a path to success. It is fitting, then, that a scholarship fund be our remembrance of Sidney A. Reyes.

Harmon Byrd

Harmon G Byrd, 8/20/18 – 5/23/90, was an active Frederick County civic leader. He was a combat veteran of World War II and received the Silver Star. A long time member of the Round Hill Ruritan club, he served a three year term as director. He was also a member of the King Hiram Masonic Lodge number 53. A dedicated Democrat, he served as chief judge of the Kernstown precinct. Mr. Byrd also served on the board of directors of the Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging, the Governor's Advisory Board on Aging, and two terms as a delegate to the Silver-Haired Legislature. As a member of the John Mann United Methodist Church, he was chairman of the Trustee Board and assistant chairman of the Administrative Council.

Harmon and his wife, Betty, concerned with problems in Frederick County's black schools, courageously enrolled their daughter, Cecily, at James Wood High School. Cecily had the distinction of being the school's first black graduate.