

# DICK FARAM PARK

Dick Faram was born in 1926 in Gulfport, Mississippi, one of three children of Ernest and Lucille Faram. While in the U.S. Navy, Dick served in World War II and the Korean Conflict. After World War II, Dick enrolled in pharmacy school at Oklahoma University. He married his college sweetheart, Joe Beth Aldridge in 1949 and had three children, Dee, Dave and Cindy. They moved to North Richland Hills in 1959, so their children could attend Birdville schools. Dick worked as a medical service representative for Parke Davis Pharmaceutical Company for 37 years, retiring in 1992.

Dick and Beth were both involved with youth activities at their church and in the community. Dick was very active with youth sports in NRH by coaching boys baseball for ages 8-19 and was a Peeewe football coach. He wanted NRH to offer more services for youth in the community and ran for City Council in 1965.

Dick served on the NRH City Council from January 1965 to April 1972, being mayor pro-tem the last four years. He was elected mayor of NRH and served from April 1974 to 1976; again as mayor from 1978 to 1984—a total of eight years in this capacity. Much progress was made during this time in NRH.

*“One may carry the ball,  
but it takes an entire  
team to score.”*

-Dick Faram  
(1926-2002)

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Dick was the author of the highway interchange of Loop 820 and Grapevine Highway. He spearheaded the development of Rufe Snow Drive and was involved in the negotiations that led to North Richland Hills getting water from the Trinity River Authority. Fossil Creek Park was also enlarged and further developed while Mr. Faram was mayor, and the Richland Youth Association used Fossil Creek Park and other parks as a hub for athletic activities during this time period.

Dick coached youth teams, and helped to instill leadership values and sportsmanship in the youth players he coached. Dick believed teamwork was an important lesson that youth sports could teach children. He often said every run or touchdown was a team effort, and great things could be accomplished as a team. This is how Dick Faram lived both his professional and personal life and he wanted children to learn life lessons from youth sports.

Dick Faram Park was dedicated on November 1, 2003 in honor of his service and contributions to the City of North Richland Hills.

