

Four are inducted into EDA Hall of Honor

Virginia Owens

Virginia Owens was born in 1946 in Colorado, the oldest of three children. She grew up in Beckley West Virginia. Her parents married after WW II and enjoyed traveling around the US while her father was a border patrol agent.

She attended Berea College after graduating from high school in West Virginia and that is where she met her future husband, Phillip Owens. Phillip was a farmer and an attorney. Phillip died in 2009. They had two sons, Tom who resides in Eugene, Oregon and Daniel who resides in Irvine. Daniel has one daughter, Brooklyn.

Ginny and Phillip raised their boys on a 70 acre farm where they gardened, raised chickens, a few pigs and many dogs and cats.

Philip was drafted into military service during the Vietnam War and served for 15 months. After service to his country he came home and went to law school at the University of Kentucky and practiced in Stanton for 12 years, later closing his practice to focus on the family farm. During this time Ginny taught in the Clark County School System working at Trapp Elementary and Pilot View.

After retiring from Clark County she began her tenure at the Estill County Public Library as the Children's librarian. During her time at the ECPL she created the homeschool enrichment program which serves the area's home-schooled children and offers a chance for the children to meet together and learn. The program started small but has grown to over 40 participants this year alone.

Mrs. Owens also trav-

els various daycare centers in Estill County to do story hours on Tuesday with additional story hours on Wednesday and Fridays at the library, not to mention the annual summer reading programs which bring in several special events for the county's children such as a reptile zoo, magician, storytellers, ice cream social and other fun events that make a special impact on our youth. Each summer hundreds of children participate in the summer reading program.

In her spare time Ginny enjoys sewing, reading, gardening and cooking. Some might say that she is an especially talented baker and frequently bakes wonderful treats for the various clubs of which she is an active participant. She is a member of the Estill Arts Council, the Estill County Genealogical & Historical Society, Eastern Star and a deacon at the First Christian Church of Irvine.

The author John Green once described children's librarians like this, "Adult librarians are like lazy bakers: their patrons want a jelly doughnut, so they give them a jelly doughnut."

Children's librarians are ambitious bakers: "You like the jelly doughnut? I'll get you a jelly doughnut. But you should try my cruller, too. My cruller is gonna blow your mind, kid." This quote rings true for our Miss Ginny as the kids call her. She blows their minds daily by giving them the world through books.

Joan Richardson

Joan Edwina Hunt Richardson was born in Estill County on May 6, 1948 to the late Edward and Viola Powel Hunt. She lived in Estill County all of her life and dedicated much of that

life to public service in her beloved home. Her many friends would say that Joan was a compassionate person who cared deeply for her fellow citizens and worked hard to better the community during her nearly 20 years of service as a Ravenna City Councilwoman.

Estine Tipton, mayor of Ravenna served on the Ravenna City Council and considered Mrs. Richardson a good friend and says "Like me she wanted to see Ravenna be a beautiful place. She was a great volunteer for the city".

Ms. Richardson began her career in public service in 1994 as a Ravenna City council woman and was integral in establishing the Veterans Memorial at the Ravenna City Park. Gardening was a passion of Joan's and she donated many hours volunteering her services every year helping out with the gardening and landscaping at the park and at Ravenna City Hall.

Joan was a 27 year veteran of the Estill County school system where she worked as a cook and later a teacher's aide. In addition to helping children with their education, she served as a Sunday school teacher for decades at her church, the Irvine First Church of God.

Joan was also an active volunteer for the Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital where she served as a greeter and an involved member of the Hospital Auxiliary Board. She was a graduate of the LEAP Leadership Program, a Kentucky Colonel and a member of the Estill County Homemakers. Ms. Richardson's giving spirit of volunteerism and community service had a great impact on her fellow



Virginia "Ginny" Owens, children's librarian at the Estill County Public Library was inducted into EDA's Hall of Honor. From left to right are Ginny Owens, Katie Mooers and Ian Moores, both of Estill Development Alliance.

citizens and especially her family.

Joan married her husband, James Richardson, who also served on the Ravenna City council, in 1969 and the couple lived in Ravenna for 40 years. They raised two children, a daughter, Rebecca (Owen) Barker and a son, James W. Richardson III. Ms. Richardson was a beloved grandmother who doted on her grandson, Ryan Freeman, making a point to be at all his ball games and being a "taxi-service" for Ryan and

his friends, running them to and fro.

Family and community service weren't her only interests. Joan loved to travel and spent much of her free time seeing the world with her friends. She traveled to Hawaii, Alaska and California in the years before her death and visited as many lighthouses as possible; which was a special interest for her. Her friends would describe her as a person who had a great love of life and put effort into getting the most out of her life

on a daily basis. Joan was a positive, smiling force of compassion. Her dear cousin, Terri Williams, describes Joan as a person "who never once complained about her four and a half month battle with pancreatic cancer. Joan never faltered with her faith in God, her sweet spirit, or her beautiful smile." Ms. Richardson passed away on June 27, 2013 and will always be remembered for what she stood for, her desire to make Ravenna and Irvine a better and more beautiful place to live.



West Irvine native, Lee Rose was inducted into EDA's Hall of Honor. Pictured are Eleanor Rose, Coach Lee Rose, Katie and Ian Moores.

Coach Lee Rose

Lee Rose was born in West Irvine, the youngest of three children born to Elizabeth Hyden Rose. His mother worked at the Munitions Plant in Richmond and spent much of her time car-pooling back and forth to work which gave young Lee time to explore all of West Irvine.

Lee spent his early childhood with his grandmother watching over him. He remembers fondly learning to swim in the Kentucky River under the supervision of a gentleman named George Baker who would chaperone the swimming trips. It was later discovered that Mr. Baker could not swim, a secret the other kids did not share with their parents. The children would swing themselves out over the river using an old rope swing attached to a scaffold.

He also recalls blackberry picking trips with Norman Taylor and his father and picking the "biggest, sweetest blackberries" to bring home to his grandmother for cobblers and jam. Coach Rose attended a four room school house near Cedar Grove until he was 8 or 9 when his mother moved the family to Lexington.

His modest upbringing led Lee to the knowledge that the best way out of poverty was education and hard work. Ultimately, he earned a baseball and basketball scholarship from Transylvania University where he graduated with a Bachelors degree and later earned a Masters degree from the

University of Kentucky. After graduating from Transylvania he started coaching basketball there serving as an assistant for four seasons and then moving into the interim head coaching position for the 1964-65 season. Later he became an assistant coach at the University of Cincinnati. Three seasons later, Coach Rose returned to Transylvania as the head coach and athletic director. In those eight seasons as coach and AD, his record was 160-57 including five NCAA Division II tournament berths and one trip to the NAIA tournament.

In 1975 Coach Rose was named head coach and athletic director at the University of North Carolina - Charlotte where his winning record continued posting a 72-18 record for the 49ers. In 1977 he was named the Sporting News 1977 National Coach of the Year when UNCC won the Sun Belt Conference and advanced to the Final Four. The city of Charlotte named Rose the Citizen of the Year in 1977.

Rose then became head coach at Purdue for two seasons finishing with a record of 50-18 where the Boilermakers played in both the NIT Finals in '79 and then advanced to the NCAA Final Four in the next season. Only 11 other coaches have led two different universities to the Final Four, other than Coach Rose. He was named Big Ten Coach of the Year for the 1979-80 season. Following Purdue he then guided the University of South Florida to three NIT

appearances in the next six years.

Coach Rose has also worked with the U.S. Olympic basketball team at the 1979 games in the Soviet Union, the 1985 games in Japan and was one of 11 coaches selected to draft the 1980 U.S. Olympic basketball team. He was active in the selection committee for the second "Dream Team" in 1994. His Olympic involvement has allowed him to travel to over 30 countries and serve as a goodwill ambassador for the organization. He has worked with the NBA Development League for six years, written two books on coaching and the technical aspects of basketball. A possible third book is also in development.

An area of volunteerism that is Coach Rose is very proud of is the work that he and his wife, Eleanor have done in the Appalachian counties of Kentucky with Forward in the Fifth, an organization focused on improving the levels of education for the citizens of Eastern Kentucky. He's visited the 42 counties in Kentucky that are part of this Appalachian region, speaking to over ten thousand middle school students, encouraging them to stay in school and improve their quality of life.

Coach Rose and his wife, Eleanor, live in Charlotte, NC. They are the parents of two sons, Mike and Mark, and they have four grandchildren: Lee, Kristi, James and Zan

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Estill Engineer Excite Night

will be held at the ECHS gym

Friday, Nov. 15th at 6:00

BLUE/WHITE GAMES

Help bring in the 2013-14 basketball season for Estill County. Meet the Kiwanis Park Inc. Primary Ball Teams and Cheerleaders; meet the Estill County Middle School Cheerleaders and Dance Team and the ECMS Patriots and Lady Patriots Basketball Teams; and meet the ECHS Cheerleaders, Marching Band and Pep Band and the Estill County Engineers and Estill Lady Engineers Basketball Teams.

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