

## **1999 – the Founding of the Carlisle High School Hall of Fame, Carlisle, Iowa**

**Faye Epps Sours Buck** was born July 3, 1903 next to the oldest of eight children born to Albert and Bertha Epps. She had four sisters and three brothers. She was born in Summerset, Iowa and went to grade school at Greencastle and Scotch Ridge country schools. After graduating from Carlisle High School in **1921**, her post graduate educations included attending the Des Moines University and Drake University. She taught school a total of sixteen years at Island, Old Avon and Sandridge country schools. Then in 1940 she came to Carlisle School District as librarian. Later she served as the secretary to the school board and retired from there in 1961. Her first husband was Owen (Bud) Sours and he died in 1946. In 1961 she married Archie Buck.

**Dr. Fred D. Wertman** graduated in **1934** and attended Iowa State University for six years to become a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. He further graduated from the Institute for Association Management. His wife was Jo and their three children all graduated from Carlisle High School also. He volunteered at Iowa Methodist Hospital and Living History Farms. He received an award from staff and management of the Des Moines Marriott Hotel; received a certificate of recognition for high scholarship, outstanding achievement or service to Agriculture Science from Gamma Sigma Delta, honor society of Agriculture – 1984. He became an honorary member of Gamma Chapter of the Society of Phi Zeta in 1974. Received a President's Award, Iowa Veterinary Medical Assn in 1977, was Veterinarian of the Year in 1984. Received the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce Award for leadership as President of the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners in 1980. AVMA Award for outstanding service 1979. AVMA Award for service to the Board of Trustees, Professional Liability Insurance in 1965. AVMA Award for service as chairman of the Scientific Program Committee 1975-1979. Stange Award from the College of Veterinary Medicine, ISU for outstanding service to the College of Veterinary Medicine in 1977. Dr. Wertman practiced as a veterinarian in Carlisle for 21 years. Served 18 years on the school board, city council for 3 years, was master of the Masonic Lodge, served on Methodist Church board and Hartford-Carlisle Savings Bank and many more positions in his field.

**G.E. "Shag" Grossnickle**, passed at age 100, April 25, 2016 in Kirksville, Missouri. And what a legacy this well-spoken, humorous and stately gentleman left as son, brother, husband, father, Papa, public servant, sportsman and raconteur. He was from another era, and he was steady of hand and steady of mind until the end.

Shag was born on June 3, 1915 to parents Albert and Effie Grossnickle in a small house a stone's throw from the river in Carlisle, Iowa. The next to youngest of ten children, he was raised in a family with little materially, but full of joy and good character, which he was known for to the end of his days. His parents were his heroes and were a great influence on him throughout his life, telling him "your word is your bond", and to be honest and do whatever he thought was right.

He graduated from Carlisle High School in **1935**, and was scouted by the Chicago Cubs but decided to stay with his folks a little longer; a wise choice, as things turned out. He eventually ended up attending Kirksville State Teachers College (now Truman State University) on a scholarship to play football, basketball and track, but it was softball that was to be the catalyst for several turning points in Shag's life. He graduated in 1942, but was called into WWII service in April making him one month shy of the May Commencement services. He served part of his tour of duty in the U.S. Navy as the Chief Petty Officer in the physical education program for the Navy Reserve Training Center in Newport R.I. and was later transferred to the Great Lake Naval Base in Chicago.

Later when he returned to Kirksville, he yearned to walk across that stage each year when he saw the

students graduating. Over fifty years later, Shag proudly received his official sheepskin from Truman State president Russell Warren who arranged for him to lead graduation procession in 1993.

And now to softball. His brother Basil gave Shag his nickname in honor of his ability to shag fly balls. In Southeast Iowa and Northeast Missouri Shag was well known for his fast pitch softball. In 1938 a doctor and avid softball coach who had heard of the Carlisle boy over 140 miles away, recruited Shag aggressively for a community softball team in Kirksville MO, offering room and meals at the hospital and a chance to attend college if he would come and play softball in the summers. Shag thought about it and decided he would give it a try, so at twenty-one, he was off to a new life in a new town. And what a good decision it was. He always said softball gave him an education and a wife.

While there, Shag coached and managed a girls' softball team, the Kirksville All-Stars, all the way to the 1941 State Championship. The pretty blue-eyed catcher caught his eye, and after a four year courtship, they were married on April 2, 1942. It was a lifelong love affair that continued for Shag though Sarah died in 2011. He always said they never had a cross word. In 1949, Shag began the first of many years of service to Adair County in various positions. As Sheriff (1949-1957), he would call cornered thieves out by name if he knew them, and often chose to mentor rather than arrest wayward young people, taking them home instead of jail, and telling their parents to take care of it. He said he carried a badge, not a gun--the gun was in the car. He once co-operated with the FBI in a stake-out ending in the apprehension of the murderer of a family of five with a relative in the area. He had a few close calls, and upheld the peace and dignity of the county. He was also County Assessor (1958-1966), and Public Administrator (1973-1980). He helped to organize the Northeast Missouri Peace Officers Association and was its first president.

Shag was an avid sportsman. Growing up on the banks of the Des Moines River, and with a large family to be fed, he learned to hunt and fish, becoming an excellent shot. In fact, at age 98, he killed his limit while duck hunting, missing only one shot. While hunting in southern Missouri in 1960, he saw his first wild turkey and wondered why he didn't see them in Northeast Missouri. Through diligent efforts he brought wild turkeys back to his area. It all started with the delivery of twenty birds, with Shag hand-feeding them at first, but Adair County had its first open season on wild turkeys in 1967. For these efforts in northern Missouri, the Missouri Conservation Commission honored him by bestowing upon him their highest honor in 2005: Master Conservationist. Later, he was recognized for his conservation accomplishments when he was inducted into the 2012 Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, and during the same ceremony his son Gary was recognized for his football talents while playing for the University of Missouri. They were the first father and son to be inducted at the same time.

He thoroughly enjoyed nurturing young people and did so throughout his life. He helped establish the Kirksville Baseball Association in 1953 and has sponsored age 7-8 Little League teams for over fifty years. He was still sponsoring these "Shag's Teams" at the time of his death. He started the DeMolay youth organization of the Masonic Lodge and served as Den Dad. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and all its bodies, including the Shriners. He served as president of both Greenwood Elementary and Junior High School's PTAs. After his wife's passing, he added to her memorial by creating the Shag and Sarah Grossnickle Scholarship which is awarded to a Truman State University student with a calling to work with the young people at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), where Shag was a longtime member, and served as a deacon and head of the Men's Division.

Shag had the pleasure of being honored many many times in his life. He was a charter member of the Kirksville Baseball Hall of Fame, the Kirksville Lodge of the Loyal Order of the Moose, and the El Kadir Shrine Wildlife Hall of Fame. He joined the Kiwanis Club in 1945 and was a lifelong member. He also was

a member of the Kirksville Jaycees, United Way, YMCA, and the Red Cross. He served as secretary of the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce Committee, and was elected to the Chamber's Hall of Fame in 1992. He served on several Boards of Directors: Grim Smith Hospital and Clinic, Northeast Regional Medical Center, First National Bank/Bank Midwest, and K-REDI (Kirksville Regional Economic Development Inc.) For his work with hospitals, Shag received the Excellence in Governance Award (1998) from the Missouri Hospital Association and was instrumental in the consolidation of the two hospitals in Kirksville which took more than 2 1/2 years to complete. In 2010 he was honored with the Andrew Taylor Still University Spirit award. In 2015 the Kiwanis Club of Kirksville dedicated the Inclusion Park in Kirksville and honored Shag.

Shag stayed connected with his alma maters. He regularly attended his high school class reunions in Iowa and was elected as a charter member of the Carlisle High School Hall of Fame. He also helped to start the Bulldog Booster Club and the Kirksville Quarterback Club of Northeast Missouri State University, now Truman State University. He helped to establish and write the bylaws of the Athletic Hall of Fame of NMSU in 1983, and served on the selection committee until his death. In 1984 he was elected to the NMSU's Hall of Fame.

He enjoyed successful and varied business opportunities in Kirksville over many years. He taught and coached at Kirksville High School, ran the Snappy Service Restaurant, and in 1965 became a partner with Les Orwiler in the Grossnickle-Orwiler Insurance Agency, now Grossnickle Insurance, with son John joining him in 1974. Shag continued to go to the office often until his passing, a familiar fixture in town, always perfectly turned out, sporting one of his many hats.

He was a wonderful and sought-after storyteller who regaled his friends and family with fascinating takes and tales of the old days. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren liked nothing better than to be entertained by Papa Shag. Once he got going, he didn't want to stop, and no one wanted him to. He was that good.

Shag was married to wife Sarah Rose, had two brothers and seven sisters.

**Dr. William R. (Jack) Fry** Jack was the son of W.C. Fry and had two younger brothers. He graduated in **1939** and married Audrey Thomas in 1940. He received a BS in electrical engineering from ISU in 1943, completed graduate work at George Washington University in Washington D.C., received his PhD in physics from ISU in 1951, then completed an Atomic Energy Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Chicago in 1952. Dr. Fry has served as a professor of physics from 1952-1998, initiated the experimental High Energy Physics Program at Wisconsin and at Padova and Milan Universities in Italy. He has authored articles in 78 scientific publications in the US and Italian journals. He has served on several national scientific advising committees, has addressed several international scientific conferences, and served many years as consultant to the International Atomic Energy Commission. He began work on the acoustics of the violin at the University of Wisconsin in 1965 and was featured on PBS' "Nova" show in 1982. His research has taken him to many states and countries abroad to lecture on his attempt to make a high quality but affordable violin. He has won the Hildale Award at the University of Wisconsin for his research work, was a Guggenheim Scholar and Fulbright Lecturer. He is listed in Who's Who and Who's Who in American Science. He served in World War II as a commissioned naval officer where he led the research of jamming devices for guided missiles and later oversaw researching German V-2 rockets. Jack's collection of scientific literature was donated to the Wisconsin University and is being placed on the internet. A bit of trivia: Jack built the first public address system in Carlisle for the school.

**Jack Cooper** graduated from CHS in **1963**, attended Dakota Wesleyan University with a degree in history and education. He continued at Missouri State and received a master's degree in secondary school administration, then later attended Drake to receive his K-12 guidance certificate. He was a ten-letter winner in football, wrestling and track at Dakota Wesleyan and was inducted into their Athletic Hall of Fame in 1996. He was selected as the Outstanding Young Religious Leader by the City of Ankeny in 1968. He was honored as a wrestling coach in 1986. He was a Carlisle Little League coach, flag football coach, helped organize the Tri-Community Coalition in Carlisle which focused on making the town drug-free. He also served as Sunday School teacher and Youth group leader. He also served on the scholarship committee for the CHS Alumni Association and served on the Carlisle Public Library Board. In addition to teaching and coaching, Jack served as a lay pastor for 19 years at the Bethel Chapel Christian Union Church. He was married to Charlene Tyler and had three children, Mark, Chad and Randy.

## **2000**

**John R. Smith** graduated from Carlisle High School in **1923** then went on to graduate from Drake University. He was a good student and fine athlete. He earned his D letter playing baseball for Drake. He married in February 13, 1932. He was active in community affairs and organizations. He was a member of the Carlisle Christian Church, the Business Men's Club, The Masonic Lodge #368 and AF and AM of Carlisle and a past member of the Carlisle Lion's Club. He served on the Carlisle School Board and the Carlisle City Council for many years. He had a service station business for over 43 years (Smith's DX gas station). He sponsored many teams in many sports over the years. He was a former city hall golf champion and has bowled on several league championship teams. He was born July 16, 1904 and died August 5, 1976.

**William R. Schooler, Sr.** was born on July 4, 1923 in Hartford, Iowa to Guy and Helen Schooler. He attended grade school in Hartford and graduated from Carlisle High School in **1941**. Bill enlisted in the United States Navy during WWII and served in the South Pacific aboard the USS Allendale with the amphibious boat group, and aboard the USS Goshen as communication officer, signal officer and ship secretary. Bill graduated from Simpson College and the University of Wisconsin -School of Banking. In 1947 Bill married Joan J. Sylvester. They had one son William R. Schooler Jr. Bill and Joan enjoyed their hobby of genealogy. Bill worked for the Hartford-Carlisle Savings Bank for 45 Years, retiring in 1990 as President and Chairman of the Board. Bill served 5 years on the Carlisle City Council, 5 years on the Carlisle School Board and 10 years as Trustee and member of the corporate board of the Des Moines General Hospital. Bill was an Elder of the Community United Presbyterian Church in Hartford, Iowa, member of the Hartford Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite Consistory and the Za-Ga-Zig Shrine. Avid local historian and created many written accounts of the Carlisle area history.

**Earl (Corkey) Adamson**, graduate of **1949**, was born in Valley Junction and had lived in Carlisle since 1946. He was an employee at Corkey's Cheese and Sandwich Shop in Indianola, Laser Works in Carlisle and Krispy Kreme Donuts in Des Moines. He had served in the Army Reserves and was a member of Carlisle Christian Church, where he was a deacon and Sunday School superintendent. He also belonged to Carlisle High School's athletic booster and music booster club, Warren County Historical Society, Honorary Indianola Lady Lions, Come Home to Carlisle Committee and Sesquicentennial Committee. He had served as a volunteer firefighter, a Cub Scout and Webelo leader, president of Dudley Questers, past president and director of Carlisle Alumni Association and president of Little League. He lived by the motto, "try giving yourself away." He was married Patricia; had three sons, Dennis of Ankeny, Doug of

West Des Moines and Duane of Indianola; a daughter, Dawn Golembiewski; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

## **2002**

**Patricia Marsh Reynolds** graduated in 1951 as the Class Valedictorian and served as Homecoming Queen. She married and had 3 children, John, Mike and Susan, all graduates of CHS. She was active in the church and community while living in Palmyra and raising her children. Her knowledge of antique collecting led her to the Carlisle Questers organization. Serving for many years on the Alumni Board as historian included collecting and organizing our memorabilia, and storing it in her home for years until we were granted storage at the school. After moving into Carlisle into her family home, she dived into her artistic side in tole painting and created a meticulous showcase flower garden and yard. She became very active in her church while also making a sizable contribution to the restoration of the Palmyra Historical Church.

## **2003**

### **Gloria Kain**

**Judy Bruce Russell** graduated with the Class of **1971**. In high school she served on the Student Council and was President of the FHA chapter and Co-President of FTA. She attended Morningside College, double majoring in Elementary Education and Library Science. There, she was on the board of the SISEA organization. After graduation, her 37-year career as a school librarian began in Prairie City-Monroe schools. She was invited to present at several State Librarian Conventions and was the recipient of the AASL Technology Information Award at the National Librarians Convention in Chicago. In her community, she was active in her church as a Sunday School teacher, Bible School teacher and Youth Group leader. She created the Summer Day Camp program at the Family Life Center. She was one of the co-founders of the Tri-Community Coalition and which placed signs around Carlisle to help keep the schools' drug-free. She was a co-leader of the SADD program at CHS, was on the Principals' Advisory Committee and headed up the After Prom party for several years. She also ran the school concession stands and Little League concessions. She was awarded the Warren County Volunteer of the Year Award by Governor Branstad. She has served on the Carlisle Public Library Board and the Warren County Historic Preservation Commission. She continues to serve as chair or co-chair for the general and primary elections. Her work with the CHS Alumni Association began in 1994. She served as secretary, President, and treasurer. She built the website, archived the records, and developed the spreadsheet for all alumni donation accounts for the Honor Roll. She has led the fundraising events for scholarships which grew from five to twenty-five during her Presidency. She is extremely proud of her three children Michael, Barbara and Jill and seven grandchildren. She retired and now lives on her family farm, first founded in 1861.

## **2005**

**Norma Jean Keeney** Norma was born on August 17, 1936 in Carlisle, Iowa to Harry and Annie (Hartman) Janssen. Norma graduated high school in **1954** and worked for Norwest Bank, and retired from Wells Fargo. Norma supported the Special Olympics for many years while being secretary for the Holy Cross

Lutheran Church. Norma was an avid reader, dancer and bridge player. Norma was a member of the Carlisle Alumni Association, the Carlisle Historical Society and the American Legion. While serving as treasurer of the alumni association, she created our database of everyone's address, printed the labels for the newsletter – a huge task for which we are forever grateful!

**Ben Norman** graduated in **1959**. He entered the education field and served as Superintendent at Ankeny Schools. After retiring from education, he moved into a position at the SAI (School Administrators of Iowa) as the Director of Government Relations.

## **2006**

**Gerald C. Randleman** was the great grandson of pioneer Carlisle settlers Wm. Stumbo (1845) and M.C. Randleman; and son of F.L. and Flossie Randleman. He graduated from Carlisle in **1926** and married Roxy Ellis (1931). They had three children: Cheryl, Gerald E. and Ron. He attended Simpson College and Iowa State University. Gerald served as a delegate to the 1952 GOP National Convention, Chairman of the Iowa ASC, under Secretary of Agriculture in Iowa, was a member of and manager of the National Champion Warren County Softball team, Carlisle Lions Club, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine. He was the finance chairman of Middle River Friends Church, President of Island school Board, President of the Carlisle school board, President of Wm. Penn College Board, President of Warren County GOP, President of Warren County Farm Bureau, and Marble Lodge F & AM. Gerald had a wide reputation as an athlete, remembered for (among other things) hitting a softball from the batter's box into Sam Nickle's yard.

**Edward J Hardin** was born July 11, 1917 in Carlisle to Worth and Veda Hardin. He had one brother Bill and two sons, Tom and Jim, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He graduated from Carlisle in **1935** and then attended the school of "hard knocks". He was a farmer and successful business owner of the Carlisle Farmer's Grain and Feed store. He was selected to serve as the Grand Marshall in 2004 in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. He was a member of the City Council, President of the Carlisle Business Men's Assn., Chamber of Commerce, member of the CHS Alumni Assn., Lion's Club, Carlisle Methodist Church, Library Board and many other groups and committees. Ed lived, worked, served and worshipped in Carlisle for nearly 89 years. He and wife Wilma (school nurse) strived to make Carlisle a better community for today and the future. He was a friend and confidant to all.

**Glen (Red) Crum** graduated from Carlisle in **1943**, married Diane Smith and has two children, Glenda and Dan. All graduated from CHS. Red was an accomplished musician on both the piano and saxophone. He shared this talent with many people through the years. He played in a band and would bring them all to the Carlisle Care Center, and other nursing homes, to bring joy and entertainment to all the residents and staff. He often stayed to mingle with his audience. He also shared his talent at churches and funerals. He also could be seen playing music by ear during the social hour at our annual alumni banquet while then ending the program with a vigorous rendition of our school song! He shared his incredible talent in all aspects of our community.

**Margaret Ford Goodhue** graduated in **1954** and completed one year at Iowa State University before beginning a career as a banker. She became a bank director from 1998 to 2006. She was named Montrose County 4-H leader of the year in 1976, the Black Canyon Professional Woman of the Year in 1987. She served in many capacities in her community: Rebekah Lodge, Montrose Balloon Affaire, Western Slope Senior Games, first woman President of Montrose County Chamber of Commerce, Valley Symphony Board of Directors, Party Precinct Caucus Chair, Finance Chair for a new HS track, Mesa State College Advisory Board, Church Finance Chair, Board of Trustees and Church Foundation, Charter member of Altrusa International, the Altrusa Board of Directors and Vision for the Future Committee.

## **2007**

**Joyce Bartholomew Bender** graduated in **1950** and married Bill Bender. Bill and Joyce had 3 children, Rick, Mark and Ellen. Joyce has volunteered or served on many committees including serving as President and Vice President for the Carlisle American Legion Auxiliary. She has served on hospitality, music, membership. Poppy distribution, decorating cemeteries Americanism, etc. She has spent countless hours volunteering time and organizing fundraisers for the veterans. She has been a leader for the junior girl's unit of the American Legion Auxiliary. She has spent hundreds of volunteer hours for the Alumni Association updating names and addresses as well as other various tasks helping with the banquet. She always serves without expecting any rewards and prefers to remain in the background, appreciating others who receive accolades and rewards. She volunteers with a gracious attitude and understands the need to provide her service to the community and veterans. She is selfless and driven to help anyone who requests assistance and never seeks rewards. Her organization skills are a great asset and she gives everything with a modest heart.

**Dennis Pegram** graduated in **1973** then attended Bob Jones University where he graduated in 1977, then later received his Master of Science degree in Educational Administration and Supervision. He is listed in Who's Who in American Colleges, Who's Who in Religion, served on the Appalachian Council of Government's Education Advisory Board and served as President of the Palmetto Chapter of National Assoc. of Church Administration. He served as a delegate to the South Carolina State Convention, was a member of Men for Missions for 25 years, named Man of the Year in 2005. He frequently volunteered for the elderly and those less fortunate, including helping providing music at funerals and weddings. He also taught short courses at Bob Jones University. He is a third generation Pegram to graduate from CHS and was a devoted husband, father of nine, and son.

**Wanda Goodhue Hunter** graduated in **1960**. Wanda attended Simpson College and raised a family of three. She helped start Wildcat ABC daycare in the Methodist Church and later became the Director. Other church activities include: Funeral dinners, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, and Harvest Dinner fundraisers. She also presented many, many talks in the community about her family's collection of Native American artifacts. She was well-known in the state for her work in 4-H at the local, Warren County level and was the State Fair 4-H Building Coordinator.

## **2008**

**Bob Betzer** graduated from CHS in **1961**. He was a wise rehabilitator. He purchased old and abandoned properties and renovated them for renewed use in the Carlisle downtown area. He worked diligently to preserve much of the Carlisle history, seeking and finding lost information. He accumulated photos, artifacts and stories about early Carlisle. He also served as a volunteer fireman, on the City Council for

eight years, and treasurer of the alumni association for 10 years. He co-chaired two historical and antique shows celebrating Carlisle. He received this honor posthumously, after years of giving his time and energy to make both the alumni association and the town of Carlisle a better place.

## **2009**

**Mark Mills** graduated in **1972**. He then attended the University of Iowa, graduating in 1976. He received a Master's Degree in Journalism from the University of Maryland, then a Master's Degree in English from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. He served as Bureau Chief for Newslink in Washington, D.C. He had a book published in 2003, inspired by the missing Johnny Gosch. He became a professor at St. Cloud University and served as chairman of the Mass Communications Department. Mark and his wife had three sons, then adopted a Korean baby. A few years later they adopted three children from Peru, South America. Mark coached football for ethnic minority students for seven years, and bought their required equipment. He also most graciously, helped his graduates be placed as news anchors.

## **2010**

**Mark Randleman** graduated in 1971 and entered the service, stationed in Texas. Received medical training, graduated from Iowa State University, then received his medical degree from Des Moines Osteopathic Medical Center. He has served on the Carlisle School Board, Alumni Board as President and the Carlisle Historical Society board.

**Alan Havens**, born Oliver Alan Havens, graduated in **1966**. After graduation he served in the U.S. Navy for four years as a medical corpsman with the Marine division in Vietnam and received several recognitions, including a Purple Heart. He then attended the University of Iowa and achieved an undergraduate degree in Pharmacy. He later acquired a double masters degree in Business Administration and Health Administration while being employed full-time as pharmacist at Iowa City V.A.M.C. After semi-retirement in 2010 he worked at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Iowa City and Knoxville and co-developed a computer program used to assess and evaluate medication interaction profiles. This program was used in local nursing homes. He remains active in community and church activities and served on a Task Force pharmacy group.

**Jerry Triplett** graduated in **1953**. Jerry attended Drake University after graduating from CHS where he earned a Masters Degree and attended the Seminary. He worked as a guidance counselor at Winterset High School and while also serving as the minister at the Avon Community Church. Jerry ran in the Boston Marathon and continued to run 10-15 miles per day up to age 76. He participated in Community Theater, volunteered to help the elderly, served meals on wheels, would often perform for them, including dressing up as Uncle Sam in various parades. Uncle Sam also ventured into school classrooms and across the state on his bike as he visited all county seats. He also rode his bike from the West coast to the East coast in 1992.

## **2011**

**Gary Sinclair** graduated in 1969, then attended Simpson College majoring in Economics and Physical Education, graduating Cum Laude. He received his Master of Arts degree from Iowa State University in School Administration, specializing in School Superintendent. After teaching and coaching in Carlisle, he served as Principal and Superintendent in Garwin, Van Meter and Dallas Center-Grimes schools. He was named Superintendent of the Year in 2010, was honored in 2005 in the Walt Whitman Club, and was



inducted into the 16 inch Slow Pitch Hall of Fame in 2000. He organized the first Carlisle Summer Recreation Program and ran it for several years. He also organized Slow-Pitch Tournaments in Carlisle and ran the Garwin City Celebration. He has volunteered in creating the church bulletin for 12 years, has been a member of the Carlisle Lions Club and Knights of Columbus since graduating from high school, and lead many fundraisers. Served in the IHSAA Representative Council and assisted the alumni scholarship committee and by-law revisions. He has dedicated his life to the education of others while keeping family first. After retirement, he continued advising schools with financing and by serving with the School Administrators of Iowa organization.

**Les Lane** graduated in 1961 then attended Central Missouri State. He has served as Mayor of Carlisle, has served on the alumni scholarship selection committee and was named Citizen of the Year in 2010. He has volunteered for the Methodist Church, was Vice-President of the Jaycees and set several records in the Iowa Games.

## **2012**

**Gary Utsler** graduated in 1962 then received his BA from Dakota Wesleyan University. He continued his graduate work at Colorado State University, then received his Master of Education degree at the University of Texas with his Superintendent Certification coming from the University of North Texas. In 1993, he was the Pottsboro Independent School District Employee of the Year. He volunteered for the Pottsboro Parks and Recreation Board, coached Little League and other youth sports, the March of Dimes, United Way, Community Emergency Response Team and did announcing for community athletic events. He retired in 2011 after spending 35 years in the education field, serving as teacher, coach, principal, curriculum director and mentor in Iowa, Colorado and Texas. He is an exemplary citizen and has made a positive impact on the lives of many young people.

**James D. Turner** graduated in **1952**. He was the son of Forest and Ecil Turner and married Nancy Shilling in 1959. They had two sons, Andy and Chris. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1952 for four years. He was a veteran of the Korean War, served aboard the transport ship Sitkoh Bay and completed a two-year tour of Guam working with the Office of Naval Intelligence. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Korean Service Medal, and the United States Service Medal. He attended Simpson College 1959-1963 and received a BS in American History and Physical Education. While at Simpson Jim coached the Carlisle American Legion Babe Ruth baseball team to two league championships. He taught in Lohrville Community Schools Beaman-Conrad and Williamsburg. While at Beaman-Conrad, he coached the girls to a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 1972 state tournament. In 1984, he helped establish the Iowa Girls Coaches Association. In 2010, in Williamsburg, the newly renovated Williamsburg High School softball field was dedicated in memory of Jim, "Field dedicated to Legendary Coach". Whether on the field or floor, he taught how to on challenges and enjoy life. His way of teaching faith and principles.

**Kay Toney Orlich** graduated in 1963

Dennis Wood

Chuck Callahan

Richard Gloor, M.D.

Mary Lou Ford Lathrum

2014

Dan Crum

2015

Bonnie Houghtaling Slinker

Jim Wistrom

2016

John "Jack" Reynolds

Dr. Rand Toney

2018

Kayla Kain Price

2019

Mary E. Wherry

2020

Donna Adair Westberg

2021

Robert Sweeney

2022

Melody Hunt Kirk

2023

Dr. Donald Prine

Kathleen McGinnis Jennings

2024

Allan Powers

2025

John Janes, Sr.