

JOE HULVER
CLASS OF 1958
MUSSELMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Joe Hulver graduated from Musselman High School in 1958 and was a member of the FFA. He worked at Novick Trucking Company, retiring in 1993 after 36 years as a "local" driver.

In 1971, he joined the Stonewall District Ruritan Club and has held every office, including a permanent spot on the Board of Directors with perfect attendance for 52 years. Ruritan is a passion of Joe's and he has been at the forefront of the club's activities and upgrades over the years. In 1971 he was the first recipient of "The Pearl Award" established by the Stonewall District Ruritan Club to recognize outstanding service to the club. He was elected Rappahannock District Zone 1 Governor in 1982 and District Governor in 1987 and was named Rappahannock Ruritan of the year in 1988.

In 1989 Joe was elected to the Ruritan National Foundation to manage and distribute Ruritan scholarship funds, serving until 1994. He helped establish and has continued to chair the Ruritan National Annual Golf Tournament for 32 years which has resulted in raising thousands of dollars for annual scholarships. In 1990 he received the Tom Downing Award, the highest honor a Ruritan can achieve. He served as the 1991 Treasurer, 1992 Secretary, 1993 Vice President and 1994 President of the National Ruritan Foundation and Ruritan National Director from 1998 – 2000. He has been the Foundation Chair for the Rappahannock District for the past 30 years and received the Ruritan Forever Award in 2014 for lifetime achievement.

Joe is a member of the Burnt Factory United Methodist Church, where he served as a trustee and member of the United Methodist Men. He has been a fixture at all of the churches many fundraising events including apple butter making, Beef BBQ dinners and Spaghetti dinners. He was given the United Methodist Men Lifetime Award in 2018.

For his exemplary service to the Clearbrook Volunteer Fire Department, he was named a Lifetime Board Member. He is an avid hunter and has donated thousands of pounds of deer meat to Hunters for the Hungry.

Over the years Joe honed his BBQ skills earning him the nickname "Mr. BBQ". He has donated hundreds of hours, BBQ expertise and his famous BBQ sauce to many local churches, companies and civic organizations to assist them in their fundraising efforts.

Joe and his wife, Nancy, were avid square and round dancers, travelling all over the east coast. They were married 61 ½ years, until Nancy's death in 2021. They had a daughter Theresa (Wilson), a "son" Harold "Oodle" Anderson (deceased 2017), 2 granddaughters and 3 great-grandchildren.

After a chance meeting at a gas station, he reconnected with Patricia Scheder and they were married on November 13, 2022. They reside in Winchester.

In his 83 years, Joe has used a common sense approach to overcome obstacles and achieve his goals. He continues to volunteer his time, using his Applemen pride, experience and commitment to help make a difference in the lives of others.

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SANDY GLADDEN HAMILTON
CLASS OF 1975
MUSSELMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Hamilton recently retired from the office of Executive Director for the Berkeley County Development Authority (West Virginia) where she served over nine years attracting new businesses to the county as well as assisting existing businesses with growth and retention. Prior to that, Hamilton served as Manager for Workforce West Virginia, assisting businesses across the state acquire and retain employees.

The Martinsburg-Berkeley County Chamber of Commerce selected Hamilton as the 2022 Citizen of the Year. Previous honors include the 2020 Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of the Nation's Capital and a 2020 Sharp Shooter by the West Virginia Executive Magazine.

Community service continues to be important to Hamilton. She currently serves on the following Boards of Directors: West Virginia Workforce Development, West Virginia School Building Authority, Blue Ridge Community and Technical College Foundation, Horizon Goodwill Industries, Eastern Panhandle Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Horses with Hearts, BCT-Bank of Charles Town Advisory Board and Region 9. Hamilton also serves as a member of Martinsburg Rotary and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Committee.

Hamilton earned a Regents Bachelor of Arts degree from Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, West Virginia and is an alumna of Musselman High School, class of 1975.

A life-long resident of Berkeley County, West Virginia, Hamilton enjoys traveling, reading, and is an avid sports enthusiast.

APRIL WILKINS FUNKHOUSER
CLASS OF 1988
MUSSELMAN HIGH SCHOOL

After graduation, April attended Shepherd College before enlisting in the United States Air National Guard, where she served for 6 years. April married her high school sweetheart, has 3 children (2 MHS graduates + 1 pending), one foster child (pending MHS graduate) and one grandchild.

April obtained her Organizational Leadership Degree from Mountain State University while working full time. April is currently a Project Manager with the United States Coast Guard.

April is the leader of the "Blue Ridge Helping Hands" 4-H group with over 10 years leading a group of 40+ young persons in community-centered activities and volunteerism. April also serves on the WVU Extension Board of Governors.

April has volunteered her time and energy to coaching softball, volleyball and basketball for many years mentoring countless young ladies.

April was a key contributor to beginning a volleyball league for young ladies through the Parks and Rec in 1998 and served as a coach. She served as the Vice-President of the Musselman Girls Volleyball program while her oldest attended the school.

April endeavored to create a basketball opportunity for young ladies in 2015 holding free clinics, speaking in local schools and promoting at large the benefit of girls athletics. Attendance has grown from 20+ to well over 100 annually. The Parks and Recreation saw a dramatic increase in the demand for girls basketball going from just 3 teams to multiple teams in different age groups. To this day, April continues to help young ladies through annual free camps, utilizing the Musselman girls basketball team to run the camps and clinics.

April has also coached girls softball at the South Berkeley Little League as well as the Musselman Lady Appleman Fall League.

April was instrumental in starting the high school girls basketball boosters for Musselman High School and has served as the President for the past 2 years. The funds raised have helped support the team, most notably, with the purchase of the first shooting machine.

April continues to volunteer her time at Musselman High School through the "Mock Interview" program providing her real world experience and knowledge as a career woman to help prep students for the real world as well as continuing to mentor the students about their future choices.

In closing, April is dedicated and driven to being a positive role model for young people, never hesitating to take time to assist in any way she can by not only sharing but by doing. April's many acts of service make her an ideal Outstanding Alumni.

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