

Ag Service Award

The Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau® proudly presented this year's Ag Service Award to Don McIntyre, retired owner of Monmouth Feed Service.

Born in late January 1940 in rural Little York and one of twelve children, Don's family moved from rural Monmouth to Roseville in 1948. Don graduated from High School in 1959 and married Janeth Eaton of Berwick in April 1966. Together they have sons Donald C. and James and daughter Amanda.

Don, along with Stewart Bushong, bought Monmouth Feed Service from Raymond Elliott in April 1974. In 1995, Don became the sole owner of the Monmouth Feed Service. He ran the last feed mill in Monmouth as others exited the shrinking market. He was able to work alongside his son, James, for twenty-five years. Don took pride in his business up until the day he sold it and retired in April 2019. According to former customers, Don was a pleasure to work with and had staff that were personable and always helpful. According to a local farmer, "Don went out of his way to be helpful or put me in contact with his suppliers if he wasn't sure he could give me a good answer."

One of Don's favorite parts of working in the ag industry has been seeing the amazing growth in all areas. Whether that growth was related to equipment, infrastructure, or technology, Don said Monmouth Feed was able to employ different parts of this mentioned growth. When asked about working with area farmers Don stated, "I worked with producers for forty-five years. They loved the land God gave us and they will continue to care and protect it for future generations."

Don's appreciation for the ag industry carried over to supporting local and county events. He was a strong supporter of the Prime Beef Festival and was known to have purchased many steers.

Some of Don's hobbies and retirement plans include attending antique and flea markets and riding his trike motorcycle around in group rides. Don and Janeth did a lot of traveling last year with their 5th wheel camper and hope to continue to do these activities. Additionally, they follow the sunshine and live in Florida for the winter months.

Don's impact and honorable way of doing business in the surrounding communities is evident by the way former customers speak about Don, with the words "tough but pleasant" being used to describe working with him. His devotion over the last many decades operating Monmouth Feed Service and positively impacting the agriculture industry are appreciated by all.

The Ag Service Award is an annual award Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau® started giving out in 1992. It is awarded to an individual who has been a great supporter of agriculture and given unselfishly to help others in the agricultural field.



