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# Celebrate Ohio's Seniors



Elder Caregiving &  
Ohio Senior Citizens  
Hall of Fame

Recognition  
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Statehouse Atrium

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Your Hosts:

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Director, Ohio Department of Aging

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Alan Burnett  
President, Ohio Association of  
Area Agencies  
on Aging

Welcoming Remarks:  
Governor Bob Taft

Presentations:

Elder Caregiving Awards  
Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

## Elder Caregiving

More than seven million Americans help older persons live in the community - despite limitations on their own daily activities. More adults also care for adult sons and daughters with disabilities.

Each year, Ohio caregivers contribute more than a million hours of unpaid help to others. The value of this cumulative care exceeds \$10.4 billion in Ohio alone. Nationally, the value of this care is \$257 billion.

Family members and other informal caregivers truly are the backbone of our long-term care system.

We recognize the value of their commitment and honor them for the work they do to make Ohio a better place for families.

## 2006 Honorees

Rebecca Brooks  
Columbus

Virgie Cajka  
Woodsfield

Jack Cummins  
Massillon

Alverda Curren  
Ashland

Laurel DuBeck, RN  
Zanesville

Mary Ann Mishler  
Troy

Sharon Pinkelman  
Maumee

Norma Smith  
Lockland

Charles Waddell  
Portsmouth

## Rebecca Brooks



As a nurse, Rebecca Brooks took care of people for a living. Now, she cares for her mother out of love. Becky uses teamwork to provide Ruth the care she needs and the love she deserves - utilizing her daughters, neighbors, a live-in caregiver and adult day care to support her own efforts. Becky provides the daily care, but knows that having time for herself makes her a better caregiver.

Flexibility is key. The teamwork approach ensures no one gets "burnt out." Becky goes to great lengths to bring joy to her mother's life and, at the same time, having her mother with her brings Becky a sense of satisfaction and fulfillment.

Virgie Cajka



Virgie Cajka was the sole caregiver for her husband, Ronald, for six years, until his recent passing. A stroke and Alzheimer's disease left Ron bedridden.

Although she has physical ailments that sometimes made caregiving difficult, Virgie took care of all of Ron's personal care needs and daily living activities.

Her nominator says, "Through all the difficult circumstances that Virgie faced on a daily basis, she not only provided excellent care for Ron, but also reached out to others in need, always putting their well-being before her own."

Jack Cummins



Louise and Jack Cummins have been married for more than 48 years and always enjoyed traveling. When Louise was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2001, Jack started a new journey as caregiver to his spouse.

Jack tends to Louise's personal needs, administers medications and maintains their home and finances. He provides updates on her condition to their three children.

In addition to his caregiving responsibilities, Jack and Louise both attend an Alzheimer's support group.

Alverda Curren



Alverda Curren is a loving wife and daughter. She cares for her husband, Ed, and her mother, Margaret. Alverda's mother is 94 and has a heart condition and some memory loss. Ed has had several strokes and needs around-the-clock care.

Alverda administers medicines, cooks, cleans and takes them to doctor appointments. She also makes time to call on sick friends and send them letters and cards.

Her nominator says, "Alverda is a kind woman with a big heart. She takes good care of her family, never complains and has enabled them to remain at home."

Laurel DuBeck, RN



Laurel DuBeck uses her first-hand experience daily as a Caregiver Educator for Area Agency on Aging Region 9, Inc.

She worked through the caregiver progression as her father advanced from early Alzheimer's disease through the late and final stages. She also cared for her husband at the same time, when he had double knee-replacement surgery.

Drawing on her own experiences, Laurel is able to help other caregivers in need. She provides special insight and empathy on caring for a loved one.

## Mary Ann Mishler



Mary Ann Mishler's recipe for caregiving is a mixture of dignity, respect, patience and love. Mary Ann has been caring for her husband, Milton, since he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease more than six years ago.

She provides loving care for him in the comfort of their home, knowing he wants to be there with her. When Milton was first diagnosed, they spent time learning about the disease and making decisions about the types of care he preferred, so that she could ensure his wishes would be honored. She shares her wisdom with other caregivers as a support group facilitator.

## Sharon Pinkelman



Sharon Pinkelman understands the importance of family. Sharon has been taking care of her mother, Marie, for 10 years. She also cares for her 29-year-old daughter, Farrah, who has a developmental disability.

She shares her experiences with local medical students, to teach them about the role of family in caregiving. This helps them understand that the caregiver's health, both mental and physical, is as important as that of the care recipient.

It is easy to see the love and devotion Sharon has for her family, and the appreciation they have of her.

## Norma Smith



Norma Smith met her husband at the local roller skating rink. She says she met him on wheels and has been on wheels ever since. Norma lovingly cared for Frank for 13 years, after he suffered a stroke.

She currently cares for her brother, Wayne, who lives a block away, and watches her sister, Billie Jean, on the weekends so her niece can have time with her family.

Norma has been caring for others her entire life, and her family bands together to share the responsibility. "I feel it is my calling to help people," says Norma. It is a call she has answered well.

## Charles Waddell



Charles Waddell's father passed away when Charles was only five. His mother, Mildred, lovingly raised him alone. Years later, there was no question in Charles' mind that he would always be there for her.

Charles has set aside his personal relationships and interests to ensure she receives the care she needs. Mildred requires round-the-clock care, and he is happy to give it to her. He also works full-time and personally finances caregiver assistance when he is at work. Charles values the time he spends with his mother and wouldn't trade it for anything.

## Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

We honor outstanding older Ohioans for their personal achievements and contributions to others; for the roles they play in their communities, state and nation; and for what they do to promote productive and enjoyable lives beyond retirement.

This year, 16 individuals enter the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. They were selected for outstanding contributions (toward the benefit of humankind) after age 60, or for a continuation of efforts begun before that age.

Since 1977, more than 300 older individuals have been inducted into the Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

Today, we are proud to honor the class of 2006.

## 2006 Honorees

Hugh Coffman  
Marietta

Creola C. Dickey  
Columbus

Anthony M. Feldes  
Youngstown

Carolyn A. Haynali  
Berlin Center

Troy Lee James  
Beachwood

Mary Keller  
Defiance

Beulah McFarland  
Carrollton

Myrtle Musch\*  
Hamilton

Robert Netzley  
Laura

Ralph & Myrtle Peters  
Akron

Jean Pieper  
Georgetown

Jean E. Plack  
Galion

Bill Richards  
Newark

George Riser  
Lyndhurst

Mardo Williams\*  
Westerville

\*posthumous

## Hugh Coffman



Teaching has always been a part of Hugh Coffman's life. His education started in a one-room schoolhouse in Washington County. He went on to earn both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Agricultural Education at The Ohio State University.

Hugh then embarked on a 31-year career serving Ohio public schools. He taught vocational agriculture at Walnut Township and Warren High Schools, where he also served as administrative assistant. He later worked as Director of the Washington County Career Center.

Hugh received the *Teacher of Teachers Award* from the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association.

Though retired, Hugh remains actively engaged in education. He is the president of the Washington County Education Service Center and serves as a judge for FFA public speaking contests, science fairs, agriculture projects at fairs and the Washington Electric Cooperative Scholarship Competition. Hugh volunteers for COSI activities at the local elementary school and has been Secretary and Membership Chairman for the Warren FFA Alumni Chapter for 20 years. He was President of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association in 1996.

As an exceptional educator, administrator and volunteer, Hugh has touched and improved the lives of countless students in Ohio.

## Creola C. Dickey



Creola Dickey is determined, giving and elegant.

Widowed when she was only in her 30s, with four young children under the age of six, Creola didn't let injustices of the time hold her back. She opened her own restaurant and a market stand to support her family. She later worked at the Curtiss Wright Defense Plant.

She received the Lifetime Membership Award from the Columbus Urban League in 2002 for more than 70 years of service. Over the years, she has served as a member of the Urban League Guild and worked with the housing department to help those without homes find affordable housing. She addressed organizations about the

educational issues facing youths and participated in voting forums and in fund-raising activities.

She has been recognized by the American Red Cross for her public relations efforts on behalf of the Columbus chapter. She also modeled for charity events and has been a faithful member of St. Paul A.M.E. church for 72 years.

Creola's talents and interests are diverse. As a poet, she wrote *Creola's Book of Verse* and is a past winner of the Columbus Writers Club Spring Contest.

Creola is an award winning gardener and antique lover. She is an inspiration to all who know her and a role model for positive living and aging.

## Anthony M. Feldes



Volunteer. Veteran. Patriot. Community Activist. Tony Feldes is all of these.

He volunteers weekly at the Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic in Youngstown, transporting veterans to distant facilities for care and treatment. He also assists patients and visitors at the clinic as a greeter, offering directions, refreshments and friendly conversation.

Tony gives his time and talents to help seniors and youths through the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and as a mentor to children through the Youngstown City Schools.

As a young Marine, Tony developed a great sense of pride and dedication to the

men and women who serve our country.

Over the years, he has provided leadership to many veteran organizations including VFW 9571 and 6488, the Mahoning County Council VFW, Fifth Ohio USCT Company I and Mt. Hope Veterans Memorial Park Beautification Committee, which restores gravesites of African American Veterans.

He also takes part in Civil War reenactments and gives talks to organizations and young people about the sacrifices of veterans. For more than 30 years, Tony worked with historians, veterans groups and officials to get the name of a black Civil War soldier rightfully included on a civil war veterans' monument in Youngstown. Tony has certainly lived by the Marine Corps motto: *Semper Fidelis, Always Faithful.*

## Carolyn A. Haynali



Carolyn Haynali is a strong and compassionate woman who strives to help caregivers in need. She and her husband, Charles, were married for 51 years before Chuck passed away from Alzheimer's disease in 2004. Carolyn provided all of his daily care for six years. When he moved to the Veterans Home in Sandusky, she visited almost daily.

Knowing first-hand the stress and isolation faced by many caregivers, Carolyn created an online support group, [caregiversarmy.org](http://caregiversarmy.org). She testified before the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's twice and started a petition for more federal funding for Alzheimer's research, which now has nearly 150,000 signatures. Her goal is to get one

million signatures to take to Congress.

She has written articles for newspapers and caregiver magazines and has been on television and radio programs to talk about caregiving and the importance of Alzheimer's research.

Her book, *Poetry from the Heart by an Alzheimer's Caregiver*, is included in the Ronald Reagan Memorial Library. In the "Alzheimer Patient's Prayer," Carolyn writes: "Pray for me, I was once like you. Be kind and loving to me, that's how I would have treated you. Remember I was once someone's parent or spouse, I had a life and a dream for the future." Carolyn, thank you for trying to make the future better for families touched by this disease.

## Troy Lee James



The honorable Troy Lee James is a man of extraordinary character. The youngest of 18 children, he earned a football scholarship to attend college. Troy supplemented his scholarship by working part-time jobs. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army and was awarded the Purple Heart for bravery during the Battle of the Bulge.

After the war, Troy and his wife opened their own market in Cleveland. He helped customers from behind the counter and volunteered for civic work for the next 15 years.

In 1966, at the urging of his neighbors and community, Troy ran for office and started a career in public service. He

served the people of the 10th District in the Ohio House of Representatives for 34 years, making him the longest-serving Democrat in state history.

Troy was known for his kindness, positive attitude and unwavering service to his constituents. He helped initiate programs and services for seniors, including the creation of the Ohio Department of Aging, the Golden Buckeye Program and church lunch programs. His legislation helped establish the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, which serves people with special needs who otherwise could not afford quality housing.

Troy is a champion in the hearts of many. He is spending his retirement years with his loving, devoted wife, Alice.

## Mary Keller



"We couldn't do it without Mary!" This is a sentiment you can hear echoed throughout Paulding, Ohio. Mary Keller seems to be helping

out everywhere around town. The Paulding County Senior Center has a dedicated friend in Mary. She participates in activities and serves on GALA and the Site Council.

For more than five years, Mary has chaired the Daffodil Days fundraiser for the local American Cancer Society chapter. This year, she raised more than \$8,000. She is also a member of the task force and assists with the annual Relay for Life fund-raising event.

Mary also volunteers at blood drives for the American Red

Cross. Her pleasant, cheerful demeanor puts the donors at ease. She was named Citizen of the Year by the agency.

Mary volunteers with DASH-the Defiance Area Society for the Handicapped, the Salvation Army, United Way and the Paulding County Historical Society. She is the President of the Paulding County Hospital Auxiliary.

Prior to the death of Mary's husband, the couple made regular visits to local nursing homes. After his passing, Mary increased her volunteering. "I had to get out; volunteering and helping others was an outlet," she says. She usually can be found crisscrossing Defiance and Paulding counties, helping wherever she is needed.

## Beulah McFarland



Growing up during the Great Depression, Beulah McFarland learned the importance of helping others and making positive contributions. She has put those lessons to use for the seniors of Carroll County.

Realizing the need for a senior center, Beulah was instrumental in creating the Senior Citizen Friendship Center and has served on its board since its inception. Over the years, she helped secure a building for the center, assisted with its expansion and helped develop satellite sites throughout the county.

Her dedication to senior issues and services is also evident by her participation as a board member for the Carroll County

Council on Aging and as an Advisory Board Member for the Area Agency on Aging Region 9, Inc., where she served as president. She was a member of the Harcatus Tri-County Community Action Agency for more than 30 years.

Other organizations benefiting from Beulah's experience include the Farm Bureau, the Soil and Water Conservation Board and 4-H, where she was both an advisor and a council member.

A true testament to her spark and energy, Beulah currently manages her 160-acre family farm at the young age of 91.

Through her hard work and dedication, Beulah McFarland has indeed helped others and made contributions to her community.

## Myrtle Musch



Determination. Perseverance. True grit. Moxie. Call it what you like, each describes Myrtle Musch, a woman who made the world a better place and brought smiles to all she met along the way.

"Myrt" was one of the strongest promoters, volunteers and supporters of Senior Citizens, Inc., of Hamilton, Ohio. In January, 1985, she started volunteering there full-time. Over the past 20 years, she helped raise thousands of dollars for the senior center and, more importantly, helped bring public understanding to the true meaning of positive aging. When Myrt decided it was time to stop driving, she began utilizing the center's ARK

Transportation Service, for which she helped generate funds through the ARK-a-thon and "split the pot" fund-raisers.

A symbol of volunteerism and community service, Myrt confirmed a deep and abiding commitment to enhancing the well-being of those around her. She was a caring and compassionate friend to many.

Despite her illness, Myrt continued to volunteer and maintained contact with many of her Senior Citizen, Inc., friends and family until her recent death. Myrt was an inspiration to others and an example of how individual initiative, strength of character and community service coincide to the benefit of all.

# Robert Netzley



First elected to the Ohio General Assembly in 1961, Representative Robert E. Netzley served 20 terms over four decades to become the longest-serving member of the Ohio House of Representatives. Affectionately known as "The Dean" by his peers, Robert was a tireless advocate for fiscal accountability and efficiency in government. He considered "Watchdog of the Treasury" as one of his legislative roles.

In the south Pacific during WWII, the destroyer on which Robert served as a young sailor was hit by a suicide plane. Standing watch on the second deck, he was knocked to the first deck, severely injuring his hip. For

valiant service, he was awarded the Purple Heart.

Robert has brought positive changes on behalf of those he served in the legislature. He helped create Edison State Community College and the Post-Secondary Education Opportunity Act, which allows high school students to obtain college credit. The program has helped many students attain a higher education.

Robert presented a positive image of aging through his leadership on the Ohio Advisory Council for Aging and through much service in his community of Laura, Ohio. He continues to teach all who work with him to remember those who came before us, as well as those who are counting on us to protect their interests.

# Ralph & Myrtle Peters



Myrtle and Ralph Peters are known in their Akron community as a loving and generous couple.

Ralph is a World War II Veteran and Myrtle started volunteering more than 40 years ago.

They both have spent time as caregivers. Myrtle cared for her son who had cancer. Ralph cared for a fellow church member and friend, taking him to doctor appointments, preparing meals and helping however needed.

They both volunteer for the Area Agency on Aging, 10B, Inc., Areawide Council. Myrtle is a member of the Board of Directors.

Before retiring, Myrtle was the Director of the Akron/Summit Community Action,

Inc., Foster Grandparent Program.

Myrtle represented the needs and concerns of Ohio seniors at the 1995 White House Conference on Aging.

Some of the honors bestowed upon Ralph include the *Asia-Pacific Medal*, *Expert Rifle Award* and *Aid of Operation Award* during World War II.

Ralph and Myrtle have been married for 25 years and devote their lives and share their hearts with those in need through volunteerism and community service.

## Jean Pieper



Jean Pieper is an angel to those in need. When her children were young, she volunteered for local hospitals, senior organizations, a cancer unit and as a Girl Scout Troop Leader. After they were grown, Jean earned her nursing degree and embarked upon a 20-year career at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati as a psychiatric nurse.

Since the early 1980s, as a volunteer for the American Red Cross, Jean has attended to the emotional needs of people in crisis after a disaster. She has helped family members and victims of floods, earthquakes, hurricanes and fires, including Hurricane Andrew and the Oklahoma Federal Building bombing.

As a Volunteer Ombudsman for the past eight years, Jean makes weekly visits to nursing home residents in Brown County, and empowers them to stand up for their rights. She is an advocate and voice for those who are unable to speak for themselves.

Some of the honors bestowed upon Jean include the American Cancer Society's *Nurse of Hope Award* and the 2000 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Brown County United Way.

Jean says, "There is pain, suffering and hardship in the world, but we as caring people, through our prayers and volunteer work, can do our small part to help alleviate some of it." She has been true to her word. Thank you, Jean.

## Jean E. Plack



As a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 50 years, Jean Plack is dedicated to charity, truth and kindness.

For the past 62 years, she has compassionately comforted the sick and helped ease their pain as a registered nurse. Jean has cared for patients at Galion Hospital, in a doctor's office and as an occupational nurse. She is a member of the Mohican District Nurses, past president of the District 7 Ohio Nurses Association and served as a member of the Crawford County District Nurses.

Jean also lends a hand to those in need at Crawford County Hospice where she has provided patient care, served on the board and been involved with fund-raising.

As a volunteer with the Crawford County chapter of the American Cancer Society, Jean participates in a cancer support group and the Relay for Life fund-raiser. She is past president of the group.

Other Galion organizations which have benefited from Jean's community service include the Board of Health, Betterment Commission, Trouble Clinic, Safety Council and Golden Age Club.

She is also an advisory council member for the Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc., and was inducted into its Senior Citizens Hall of Fame in 1995.

Jean Plack serves unselfishly and is a beloved member of her community.

## Bill Richards



Bill Richards has lived long enough and proudly enough to be both a man among men and a man among boys. He achieved the latter later in life after earning the former in his young adult years.

Bill was a man among men at Normandy Beach in the U.S. Army's 453rd Artillery Anti-Aircraft group. For his service from 1942 until 1945, Bill received five battle stars, a good conduct medal, a silver battle star, the WWII victory medal, the 2005 Inscho - Beasley - Mayfield Award and the Jubilee of Liberty Medal from the government of France.

Honored to have served his country, Bill is now proud to

serve his community by sharing his knowledge of fly-fishing and fly-tying with young and old.

The main organizer of his community's senior fishing tournament, he's part of the Board of Directors for the Land of Legend Fly Fishers club. As community activities chairman, he has introduced scores of children and adults to the joys and the art of the hobby he loves. He is also the oldest and longest-standing member of the Cranberry Marsh Bass Club, with 37 years.

Well-known and liked in his community of Newark, Bill has been a part of the Licking County Aging Program for the past 30 years and served for many years as advisor to the Newark Parks and Recreation system.

## George Riser



George Riser is a World War II Veteran and a Senior Olympian who has won more than 100 medals in local, state and national track and field competitions. As a role model for positive aging, George Riser leads the pack.

A retired high school football and track and field coach, George was accustomed to the thrill of competition and camaraderie of athletes. He started participating as a senior competitor at the age of 68, and he continues to find success on the field 14 years later. George is a four-time National Champion in the shot put and discus throw; he took home his fourth title at the 2005 National Senior Games. He has top three finishes at the nationals in the 100, 200 and 400-meter runs.

George has had to overcome obstacles, including neck vertebrae replacement surgery and spinal column surgery. When not competing, George motivates others and shares the benefits of a healthy diet and exercise. He also enjoys coaching and always does so with humility and grace.

He is a member of the Painesville Riverside High School Sports Hall of Fame and the Retired Athletic Directors and Coaches of Ohio. He was named Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year in 1956 and Northeastern Conference Coach of the Year in 1962.

George's motto: "The first step is to start. The key is to get to the start line and the finish will take care of itself."

## Mardo Williams



At the age of 88, author Mardo Williams began a new chapter in his career. After more than five decades as a journalist, many of those with the *Columbus Dispatch*, Mardo decided to write his first book. The result, *Maude (1883-1993): She Grew Up with the Country*, is a loving, biography of his mother, who experienced our country's growth and changes for more than a century, until her death at the age of 110.

He then wrote a book of children's stories called *Great Grandpa Fussy and the Little Puckerdoodles*. Mardo then decided to write his first novel, *One Last Dance*, an inspirational story about finding love at any age. Mardo passed away before the final revisions to his novel

were complete. His daughters, Kay and Jerri honored his request by finishing the story for him.

Even at the time of his death on February 3, 2001, at age 95, Mardo was planning his next book, a newspaper story that would chronicle the changes he'd seen during his 44-year career in journalism. He was recognized posthumously by the Ohioana Library Association.

In an interview, Mardo said, "There's no such thing as being too old. Life is for living, no matter what our age or condition. If we can sing, we should sing. If we can write, we should write. We should always be in search of a new experience, always ready to commit ourselves to a new interest."

# Members

<b>Elder Caregiving</b>	<b>1999</b> Cheryl Balciar James Frites Joe Nicewanger Julia Robinson Annya Thompson	<b>2004</b> Herbert Booth Denise Souglas Jim Frey Lloyd Hartwell Janet Haught Roderick Neal Mary Jane Patterson Al Schachleiter Barabra Underwood Pauline Weldon James E. Wise
<b>1993</b> Mary Linscott	<b>2000</b> Urban A. Bertke Kaye Graham Henry Guttermuth Cathy Lindamood Mildred Tyree Donald Yaussy	<b>2005</b> Darrell C. Daniel Richard Danver James Ector Clarence Graf Wanda Kafury Lawrence Kirkendall Rosemary Mendez-Velasquez Sue Merriner Clifford Oldson Marion Subler Robert Walters Margie Williamson
<b>1994</b> Ura Grover	<b>1995</b> Ruth Ann Bishop	<b>2002</b> Donna Anderson Dennis Brown Helen McIntosh Roger Millikin Ethel Muthert Marilyn Termeer Michael Towarnicky Jackie Turner
<b>1996</b> Virginia Stocks	<b>1997</b> Herbert K. Monroe	<b>2003</b> Elizabeth Berkley Marlana Hatch Esther Knapp Mark & Cindy Lumbatis Walter Lund* Donna McKelvey Rose Samos Robert Sherer Lois Sizemore Rose Ann Talarico Donnette Tiggs Leland Wagers
<b>1998</b> Sam Morris		<b>2006</b> Rebecca Brooks Virgie Cajka Jack Cummins Alverda Curren Laurel DuBeck, RN Mary Ann Mishler Sharon Pinkelman Norma Smith Charles Waddell

\*Posthumous

## Hall of Fame Charter Members

Muriel M. Allen Bertsch  
Erbest J. Bohn\*  
Anna V. Brown  
Milton Caniff  
W. Fred Cottrell  
Nelson H. Cruishank  
Arthur S. Flemming  
Zelma Watson George  
Richard Gosser\*  
Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope  
Martin Janis  
James C. (Jesse) Owens  
Sidney L. Pressey  
Albert B. Sabin, M.D.  
Louis B. Seltzer  
Dr. Julius & Mrs. Helen Weil  
Aaron M. Weisen

### 1978

I. W. Abel  
John W. Bricker  
B. Bernard Caplan, M.D.  
John W. Galbreath  
Wayne W. (Woody) Hayes  
Frank J. Lausche  
Rose L. Papier  
Theodosia Sochasky  
Ella P. Stewart  
Lowell Thomas

### 1979

Paul E. Brown  
Phyllis Diller  
Gertrude W. Donahey  
Joseph W. Fichter  
Lillian Gish  
Edwin C. Heinke  
Sister M. Henrietta, C.S.A.  
William O. Walker  
Stella Walsh  
Floyd E. Wenger

### 1980

James T. Flood  
Sherman L. (Jack) Frost  
Edward D. Kuekes  
Edward C. Haaf  
Dominick Labino  
Helen G. McClelland  
The Mills Brothers  
(Herbert, Harry, Donald)  
Elijah Pierce  
William Presser  
Donald B. Robinson  
David Rubinoff  
Murtis H. Taylor-Mills

### 1981

Alfred A. Antenucci  
Jessie Z. Barlett  
Anthony J. Celebrezze  
Beulah Fawcett  
Carl F. Graf  
Walter E. Havighurst  
Charles D. Hill  
Charles Y. Lazarus  
Larry W. Pelton  
(Russell) Games Slayter

### 1982

Walter E. Alston  
Clarence H. Borgelt  
John B. Conrad\*  
Helen W. Evans  
Dorothy Fuldeheim  
Ruth Lyons  
C. Stanley Mechem  
Capt. H. Mowrey  
Norman Vincent Peale  
William A. Pepper  
James A. Rhodes

### 1983

Lucille Chenault  
Avis W. Cullen  
Ethel Straw Guthrie  
David Leahy  
Irvin H. Ryan\*  
James E. Saunders  
Myrl H. Shoemaker  
Sidney Spector  
C. Umahau Wdf  
Johann J. Zabka

### 1984

Ora McCain Barrett  
Charles Blakeslee  
Frank P. Celeste  
Orland C. Duke  
Catherine Gillie  
David N. Myers  
Wesley (Branch) Rickey\*  
Vernal G. Riffe, Sr.  
Dorothy V. Ryan  
Carl E. Smith

### 1985

Ronald Brown  
Lucille & Fred Grumley  
Howard L. Hofacre  
Helen E. Landry  
Charles W. Peckham  
John G. Pfund  
Ralph H. Romig  
Helen H. Santmyer  
Loretta Yoder

### 1986

Anna Bishop  
Lois Filipic  
Jack Halbeisen  
Helen Hawley  
Ruth Cane  
David Lusk  
Kenneth Miller  
Durwood Neff  
Erie Sauder

### 1987

Alma Cahill  
Phil Chelnick  
Ocie Hill  
Alice Hoffman  
Edward Huber\*  
Thaddeus Hurd  
Melvin Miller  
Edwardina Riggans  
Robert Secrest  
Georgia Silliman  
Alice Weston

### 1988

Al Boffo  
Frank Brockmeyer  
Sister Ann Jeanne  
Chisholm  
Lucile S. Costello  
Lucille Dryden  
G. Fred Graf  
Kay Reidel  
Mary Jo Stafford  
Robert Thomas  
Mamie L. Williams

### 1990

Mercedes Cotner  
Raymond C. Drake, Jr.  
Mable Hardeman Edwards  
Eleanor Kahle  
Jerome Kaplan, Ph.D.  
Ilse Kershner  
Albert A. Neideck  
Bernice Cisco Williams

### 1991

James T. Foley  
Rev. Kay M. Glaesner  
Marie Haug, Ph.D.  
Ruby Long  
Vance B. O'Donnell  
Mildred M. Seltzer, Ph.D.  
Vernon Rodney Young, Sr.

### 1992

Thomas E. Hairston  
Clem Hamilton  
Harold W. Kohn  
Martha McCrary  
Vera Saunders  
Morrie Sayre  
Rev. Wray C. Smith  
Josephine B. Voinovich  
Furl P. Williams  
Judge Warren C. Young  
Helen W. Zelkowitz

### 1993

Tilmon Adamson  
Don Barrett  
Evelyn Darnovsky  
Bonder  
Joseph E. Cattarin  
Jimmy Crum  
Dorothy F. Davis  
Bob Feller  
Robert M. Graham\*  
Philip C. Johnson  
Zenobia Perry  
George R. Smith

### 1994

George Adcox  
Morris Becker  
Byron Winfield Brown  
Mary Callow  
Paul M. (P.M.) Gillmor  
Dr. Helen I. Glueck  
Kathryn Hagler  
Deseree Mitchell Liddell  
Grace E. Maratta  
Lois Nelson  
Eldon H. Phillips  
Audrey A. Rowan  
Frances Saunders  
James S. Savage  
John J. Schiff

### 1995

Josephine Bruns  
Thomas C. Eakin  
Helen Fero  
George James\*  
Austin Eldon Knowlton  
James Lee Middleton  
Corwin Nixon  
Ervin J. Nutter  
Mary Jane Cooper O'Brien  
Betty B. Pitzer  
Rachel Ann Trent Rayford

### 1996

Abraham Brickner  
Helen Spotts Brown  
Virgil E. Brown  
Michael J. Lacivita  
Katherine LeVeque  
Aaron Levine  
Martha Whelan Murphy  
Jewel L. Rollen  
Harold E. Sawyer  
John P. Stozich

### 1997

Doris Blackston  
Elsie Calamese  
William S. Derry  
Orville R. Ferguson Sr.  
Dr. Willard B. Fernald  
Edward J. Groening  
Elsie Helsel, Ph.D.  
Margaret Hunt  
Cecil A. Maxwell  
Carl H. Swick  
John B. Williams

### 1998

Sister Mary Humbert Davis  
 Lowell Dock  
 William Henry Fouse\*  
 Mary Carter Glasco  
 Senator John Glenn  
 Luella Glick  
 Betty Hartley, Ed.D.  
 Virginia Kress  
 Nancy Fitori Kubina  
 Belle Likover  
 Dennis & Betty Morris  
 Blanche Motts  
 Frank Angelo Nappi\*  
 Betty Nein  
 Pauline Radebaugh  
 Nelson Schwab Jr.

### 1999

Donald Becker  
 Naomi Brown  
 Betty Collins  
 Gloria Giannestra  
 Glenn E. Maddy  
 Kenneth M. Mahan  
 Thomas E. McFadden\*  
 William Rosell Rogers  
 William L. Simmons  
 Don A. Simpson  
 Dr. Richard & Helen Spitzer

### 2000

Bettie Bjorn  
 Mary L. Bowermaster  
 Judith Y. Brachman  
 Bea Gingery  
 Lois Ide  
 Lubomir "Lu" Hromadka  
 Richard J. Noll  
 Rev. Lonnie Simon  
 Dale Tom  
 Grayce Williams

### 2001

Dorothy Dexter Alexander  
 Erma Bombeck\*  
 Robert T. Fox  
 Ben N. Groh\*  
 Rev. Phale D. Hale  
 Elizabeth Harper  
 Donald R. James  
 Norman Hardd Lambert  
 Sally Richenbacher  
 Glen Wheeler

### 2002

Mildred Wirt Benson\*  
 Francis Carr  
 Mary E. Cherry  
 Ralph Cobey  
 Clifton S. Coleman  
 Bob & Jewell Evans  
 Jerry Francis  
 Fred Hirsimaki  
 Everett Hosack  
 Peggy Irwin  
 Phil Rutan  
 Marie Schill, RN  
 Edith Wissman

### 2003

Barbara Beckwith  
 James R. Blair  
 David C. Crowley  
 Hubert Dunkle  
 Beulah R. Hoerr  
 Zeke Mullins  
 Walter A. Poenisch, Sr. \*  
 James A. Rudes  
 Edwin P. Schrank  
 Viktor Schreckengost  
 Richard Shearer

### 2004

Betty Brindiar  
 Richard L. Brooks  
 Evan E. Davis  
 John S. Dowlin  
 George Isaac  
 Charlotte & Paul  
 Johnson  
 William L. Luntz  
 Dayle O. Snyder  
 Eleanor Steigman

### 2004

Betty Brindiar  
 Richard W. Brooks  
 W. Wallace Cannon  
 Evan E. Davis  
 John S. Dowlin  
 George Isaac  
 Bessie King Jackson  
 Charlotte & Paul  
 Johnson  
 William L. Luntz  
 Tom McNutt  
 Dr. Dayle O. Snyder  
 Eleanor B. Steigman

### 2005

Edith J. Clayton  
 Nada Dunn  
 Jean Garner  
 Mary Lou Hawkins  
 Dr. Hendricks  
 Martha Monnin  
 Rosalie Morgan  
 Anne T. Nixon  
 Reuben & Dorothy Silver  
 Jerry D. Smart  
 Alfred Tibor  
 Eloise S. Wdfson

### 2006

Hugh Coffman  
 Creola C. Dickey  
 Anthony M. "Tony" Feldes  
 Carolyn A. Haynali  
 Troy Lee James  
 Mary Keller  
 Beulah McFarland  
 Myrtle Musch\*  
 Robert Netzley  
 Ralph & Myrtle Peters  
 Jean Pieper  
 Jean E. Plack  
 Bill Richards  
 George Riser  
 Mardo Williams\*



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