

## Sam Tuckwiller

Sam Tuckwiller was born on June 25, 1934, near Lewisburg, Greenbrier County, West Virginia, one of two sons and two daughters born to Ross and Margaret Tuckwiller. His parents were farmers. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from West Virginia University in 1956.

His lifetime of farming began by earning the highest honors provided for 4-H Club members in Greenbrier County, including a trip to the National 4-H Congress and selection as 4-H International Farm Youth Exchange Person to Argentina in 1959-1960. Over the years, his farming operation grew into 2,000 plus acres of owned and rented land and evolved into a partnership with his two sons. The Triple-T Farm is nationally famous for its 280 carefully selected Angus cows that produce the seed stock for dozens of other herds across the nation, for the hundreds of yearlings that are overwintered and for their feeding history at the certified Gregory Feedlots near Tabor, Iowa.

In West Virginia, his many year record of exemplary service (45 plus) to the Greenbrier County (where he at one time or another occupied all offices) and the West Virginia Farm Bureau, its Board of Directors, as chairman of its Beef Cattle Committee (1981-1989), as its representative on the West Virginia Beef Industry Council (1985-1996) and as a Beef Director on the National Livestock and Meat Board (1986-1996) led to both state and national fame. His service with the National Livestock and Meat Board saw him as member, vice-chairman or chairman of the Beef Promotion Operating Committee, Research Product Technology Committee, Promotion Committee, Executive Committee, Oversight Task Force, Market Research Committee, Beef Healthcare Subcommittee, Education Subcommittee and Food Service Committee, among others, have won great national acclaim.

Mr. Tuckwiller is also well known and highly regarded for civic activities, having held several offices for the Calvary Methodist United Church and its Board of Trustees, chairman of the Greenbrier County Board of Zoning Appeals, member of the Greenbrier County Animal Shelter, prominent supporter of the Greenbrier Youth Camp, and a 40-year member of the Richlands Ruritan Club.

His numerous state and national awards include distinguished service awards from the Greenbrier County Farm Bureau (1988), West Virginia Farm Bureau (2006), National Livestock and Meat Board (1996), and Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture (1992); Ruritan of the Year Award (2002), West Virginia Farm of the Year (1982), First Place Northeast Region Best of Breed Contest (2002), Conservation Farmer of the Year (1999 & 2002), and others.

He married Mary Lou Coffman in 1962 and has two sons, Bryon and Ben.

