

Harlan P. “Ted” Carter III and Jeanne Sheets Carter

Harlan P. “Ted” Carter, III, grew up on “Everbreeze” farm near Wheeling – his home today, and the land his great-great grandfather settled in 1796. Jeanne Sheets Carter was born in Green Bank, W.Va. They met at West Virginia University (WVU) where both were active and successful students. Mr. Carter was one of the first-place winners at national competition attended by the WVU Dairy Judging Team, and Mrs. Carter graduated magna cum laude in 1952 with a BS in Vocational Home Economics Education.

In spring of 1952, Mr. Carter was called to active duty in the Korean Conflict. When he went overseas, Jeanne worked as the Mason County Home Economics Agent. Mr. Carter resigned in 1958 with the rank of captain.

Mr. Carter obtained his teaching certification and also earned a Master’s degree in Educational Administration and his Certification in Counseling and Guidance. Mrs. Carter earned a Masters plus 30 hours in Counseling and Guidance.

Mr. Carter taught Biology at Warwood High School, was an assistant principal and spent 20 years as a high school counselor. Mrs. Carter worked as a home economist for the WVU and Ohio State Extension Services. She also worked at the Ohio Valley General Hospital School of Nursing Staff, taught Nutrition at West Liberty College and was a junior high school counselor in Ohio County public schools.



Both have been extremely active in 4-H throughout their lives. As youngsters, Mr. Carter carried blue-ribbon registered Holstein calf projects that helped to improve the family herd. The herd was a DHIA Testing Program from 1954-1964. Mrs. Carter had blue-ribbon projects as a Pocahontas County 4-Her for six years, and in the University 4-H Club for four years. She is also a West Virginia 4-H All Star. They have taught classes in county camps and Mrs. Carter has been on the staff for numerous state camps at Jackson’s Mill.

In 2002, WVU Extension Service recognized the Carters at a dinner at Jackson’s Mill and presented a plaque to them for “Outstanding Volunteer Fund Raising.” In 2003, Mrs. Carter was among the first 100 persons to be inducted into the West Virginia 4-H Hall of Fame.

Mr. Carter was one of the tireless workers who moved and reassembled the Blaker Mill from its original site near Alderson, W.Va. to Jackson’s Mill, W.Va. His is one of the names engraved on the Recognition Millstone. Each Labor Day weekend, the pair spend the three days as volunteers at the Jubilee, helping to grind and sell cornmeal and wheat flour to benefit Jackson’s Mill.

In 1976, Mrs. Carter also began presenting historical first-person reenactments of historical West Virginia women. In 2005, she was recognized as one of West Virginia History Heroes by the governor.

In 2006, when the West Virginia Farm Bureau and the West Virginia State Fair established the new Heritage Farming Award, the Carter family was the first recipient. Both have been long-term members and officers of the West Virginia Farm Bureau.

Both have been active in the Ohio County Country Fair and Oglebay Park Octoberfest. Mrs. Carter is a CEOS member, an emeritus member of the West Virginia Independence Hall Foundation Board, and the first woman to be elected president of the Ohio Valley Medical Center Board of Trustees. Both have belonged to the WVU Alumni Association and College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics Alumni Association.

In the early 1970s, Mr. Carter researched and wrote a successful application to have the “Everbreeze” farm and home added to the National Register of Historic Places. Two great-grandsons are the eighth generation of Carters to live either on the farm or in Wheeling. Both Mr. and Mrs. Carter are active members of Stone Presbyterian Church, where Carter ancestors have attended since 1796.