

WEST VIRGINIA

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AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY HALL OF FAME

LARRY S. BARGER

Larry S. Barger was born in Elkins in 1940. He earned a B.S. in Forest Management from WVU in 1966 and was a certified Wildland Firefighter from 1972-77. The U.S. Forest Service named him a Certified Master Estimator in 1982, a designation he alone held in West Virginia until his retirement in 1994.

He began his career with the U.S. Forest Service in 1967 and held positions in Richwood, Petersburg, Bergland, Mich., and Elkins. In May of 1977, he transferred to the Monongahela National Forest

Supervisor's Office as the timber sales and mensuration forester. He was also the contracting officer and was responsible for training and certification of all the timber markers for the forest.

After his retirement from the forest service, he started Barger Forestry Services, a consulting firm with more than 200 clients. During his first year of college, he planted 200 Christmas trees, an operation he continues. He also helps market Christmas trees produced by other growers.

In 2018, the Society of American Foresters presented him with its Golden Membership Award, his 50-year affiliation with the organization.

He is a member of Otterbein United Methodist Church, where he has served as finance secretary since 1979. He is Past Master of Elkins Masonic Lodge #108, belongs to other Masonic orders, and is a member of Elks Lodge #1135 in Elkins. He served as judge for the Mountain State Forest Festival Lumberjack Competition for more than 30 years.

