

# Frank W .Glover, Jr.



Frank W. Glover, Jr., was born in Herndon, Wyoming County. He graduated from Herndon High School in 1935, served in the Army from 1941-1946 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree at West Virginia University in 1947. Starting as a soil conservationist in Mercer County in 1947, he moved to Monroe County as Work Unit Conservationist in 1948 and on the State Soil Conservation Service (SCS) office in 1952. For the next 28 years, he served successfully as observational agronomist, plant materials technician, assistant State resource conservationist, and State resource conservationist.

Locally and regionally respected for his practical approach to agronomic and soil conservation problems, he became nationally known soon after he became interested in surface mine reclamation and began to assist in developing reclamation standards. He not only did exceptional work, but he became a catalyst for others and was selected to serve on the National Task Force that prepared the guidelines used in developing the Surface Mine Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (PL95-87). He later assisted in writing the rules and regulations that were used to implement this benchmark legislation.

Mr. Glover spent endless hours in developing a statewide Conservation Education Council that provides hands-on experience for elementary and secondary students. An active member of the Soil Conservation Society of America throughout his career, he represented West Virginia for several years on the committees dealing with soils, grassland improvement, and conservation education. He served as president of the West Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Society of America (1957).

In 1971, Mr. Glover was made a fellow in the Soil Conservation Society of America. In 1971, he received the Special Achievement Award of the Soil and Conservation Service (SCS). This was followed by an SCS Outstanding Performance Award in 1978, by a USDA Superior Service Award in 1970, an Award of Merit for Distinguished Service from Gamma Sigma Delta in 1980, the Certificate of Merit from the West Virginia Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society in 1985, and the "Carroll Greene" Outstanding Supervisor Award in 1985. Mr. Glover's professional career was characterized by foresight, initiative, persistence, and a great desire to keep West Virginia environmentally sound.