

1984 Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild Inductees

Honored recently as Iowa Master Farm Homemakers for 1984 were five outstanding farm women. They were recognized for their fine work with their families, their homes, and community services. These women represent the many homemakers in rural Iowa who make such contributions.

Since the program was started in 1928, a total of 224 farm women have received this award. This is the 42nd year Wallace Farmer has sponsored the program.

The Iowa chapter belongs to National Master Farm Homemakers Guild, and is associated with Country Women's Council and Associated Country Women of the World.

Judges for the 1984 awards were: Blythe Edge, Humboldt, president of Iowa Master Farm Homemakers Guild; Elizabeth Elliott, associate dean and state leader, home economics programs, and Louise Rosenfeld, program assistant, office of foreign student and visitor services, Iowa State University; and Joanne Couey, home editor of Wallace Farmer.

Vera Boland - IMFH Class of 1984

Linn County

Driving a tractor is just as familiar to Verna as serving on a committee or helping with a school project. She also shares decision-making with her husband, Bill, in their farm operation. Verna and her sister manage the home farm where they grew up.

For many years Verna has served as a school volunteer, helping with remedial reading, art appreciation, and other programs.

In Extension she has served in many leadership roles 4-H leader, county youth committee, and various committees. Verna has a philosophy regarding guidance of young people. She maintains that parents need to teach their children to make decisions about priorities. Then as adults they won't be disappointed to find out there isn't enough time to do everything at the perfection level.

All of Verna's family work to improve themselves and their community. The Bolands are active members of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids. Verna has helped on many committees.

Over the years, Verna has been a faithful volunteer in many areas of the community school. She and Bill were instrumental in starting the extended learning program for gifted students. At present, she serves on active interest in Kirkwood Community College.

This year Mie Takaki, a foreign exchange student from Japan, is living with the Bolands.

In 1982 the Bolands were presented the Honored Farm Family Award by the Cedar Rapids-Marion Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Bureau. The award is given for community activities and good land use practices.

Before her marriage Verna graduated from Iowa State University and was a county extension home economist.

The Bolands have three daughters: Brenda, a senior at ISU; Julie, a junior at Washington University; and Cindy, a sophomore in high school.

Carol Messer - IMFH Class of 1984

Des Moines County

Carol loves farm life and thinks this is a good way to raise a family of six boys. Carol, her

husband, Emmett, and their sons have always been close, sharing farm work and activities in 4-H, church, school, and the community.

Before marriage Carol attended Iowa State University. She and her husband are keenly interested in education. Carol has assisted with many school activities. Emmett has served on the school board.

The Messers are active in extension, serving on the council, and have been 4-H leaders. Carol has been on the home economics committee, chaperoned 4-H trips, and judged the 4-H achievement show.

Carol's service in politics includes township committee person, district advisory board of Republican women, and president of North Des Moines County Republican women.

The Messers have held many offices in the Farm Bureau. They received an award for outstanding service. This is Carol's 7th year as district women's Farm Bureau chairman. Carol has chaired a county fair committee. She has been secretary for Des Moines County Health Improvement Association. She is a member of Daughters of the American Revolution. The Burlington Junior Women's Club named Carol 1984 Outstanding Homemaker of the Year. The Messers belong to Shinar Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They have served in nearly all capacities.

Carol does all the farm bookkeeping and helps with some of the farm work. She drove the school bus for 15 years.

The Messers have a son at home, Danny, in the 8th grade.

Charles, ISU graduate, is co-owner and manager of Danville Mill. Charles and his wife, Linda, have two sons.

Mark graduated from the area community college, He manages the petroleum division of Mount Union, Iowa Co-op. He and his wife, Kathy, have a daughter.

Joan Moore - IMFH Class of 1984

Hardin County

Sharing her talents to help others, Joan has been influential in the betterment of her community.

Her extension activities include 4-H club leader, county counselor at the state camp, member of various committees, and hosting an International Farm Youth Exchange from India. Other Iowa State University foreign students have been weekend guests. Joan has judged at county fairs and 4-H achievement shows.

The Moores belong to St. Mary's Catholic church in Williams, where Joan and her husband, Ray, are deeply involved. Joan has been on the building committee, the parish council, is a lay minister, and active in the guild.

After graduation from ISU, and before her marriage, Joan taught economics at Clear Lake high school. In 1967 Joan resumed her career, teaching vocational home economics and adult classes, and was an advisor to Future Homemakers of America (FHA) at Alden Community high school. She resigned in 1981. During her teaching career Joan served the community through her own volunteer work and by providing leadership for youth groups. Program and activities for school and community were sponsored by FHA.

Joan was named 1977 Iowa Home Economics Teacher of the Year. In 1981 she received lifetime membership in the Iowa Vocational Association. She is president of the Hardin County chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary for women educators.

The Moores have four children. Anne Hoberg, registered nurse from Mercy School of Nursing, lives in Okemos, Michigan, with her husband, Maynard, and two children.

Jeanne, with degrees from ISU and University of Wisconsin, is a federal extension service coordinator for educational materials in Ames.

Bruce, a graduate of ISU, teaches vo-ag at Iowa Falls high school. He and his wife, Kathy, have two children.

Martha Kuhlers graduated from Ellsworth community College and Hawkeye Institute of Technology. She lives in Grinnell with her husband, Dennis, and two children.

Bettie Spies - IMFH Class of 1984

Sioux County

On the farm and in support of each other in other areas of interest, Bettie and her husband, Les, work as a team. Bettie helps in the fields, and with the livestock, and does most of the bookkeeping. She still finds time for many volunteer hours of community activities.

Bettie is secretary of the local ambulance association. She has organized two 81-hour courses to qualify new Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) to serve on the squad. Les is also an EMT.

As president of the Colonial Manor nursing home auxiliary, Bettie organizes field trips, hayrides, and animal day.

The Spieses are members of Pioneer United Methodist Church in Rock Valley. Bettie has held numerous offices, and is in charge of ministerial services at Valley Manor.

Les has served on many church boards. He is a district master in the Masonic Lodge.

Bettie has been active in school. She is on the Hudson Community Education Program board. In 4-H Bettie has assisted with various groups and clubs and helped with judging.

Active in politics, Bettie has been a delegate to the state political convention. She is a member of the Hudson Study club, and past president of the Hegg Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She also delivers Meals on Wheels.

Bettie and Les milked cows to put their children through college. They started in 1958, and by 1977, when they sold the herd, there were 125 cows. They still have beef cattle, sheep, horses, chickens, ducks, geese, pheasants, and turkeys.

Bettie attended Methodist Hospital School of Nursing at Morningside College before marriage.

The Spieses have two children. Wayne is attending Iowa State University. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Ames with their 2 sons. Dianna Sorenson and her husband, Russ, live in Brookings, South Dakota. She has degrees from South Dakota State University and Montana State University, and is an instructor of nursing at SDSU.

Shirley Yungclas - IMFH Class of 1984

Hamilton County

Shirley is a valuable member of her community. She is forward looking with a dedication to high values. Her long list of activities helps build a better society.

Both Shirley and her husband, Tom, are active members of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Webster City. They have been treasurer for many years and served in nearly every other capacity. For 4 years Shirley was on the state board for the denomination.

Shirley has held offices in Farm Bureau and worked on committees. Shirley has been on the board of the historical society. She is also chairman of Hamilton County Porkettes.

When her children were young, Shirley assisted with many school activities. She now takes some adult education classes. Before her marriage she attended Iowa Central Community College (ICCC) and Iowa State University.

In extension Shirley was on the home economics committee, a 4-H leader, judged achievement shows, and helped with area meetings.

She is former chairman of the local PEO reciprocity group. As a member of Hamilton County Hospital Auxiliary, she bakes cookies for the gift shop and helps with the blood drive. Shirley helped find a new home for the day care center.

The Yungclases have hosted many foreign students-some for the weekend, others for 6 weeks, 3 months, and a year.

A big garden provides much produce for Shirley to freeze, can, and give away. The Yungclases live on a Century farm. Shirley has skillfully incorporated many period pieces for furniture in her decor.

The Yungclases have three children. Ted graduated from ISU and teaches school in Johnston. He and his wife, Alanna, live in Des Moines.