

SUPER “STAR”

Shines In Washington County



HARRY SETTLES



The Kentucky Association of Conservation District Employees is pleased to recognize Harry Settles, supervisor with the Washington County Conservation District, as our October Super “Star.” Mr. Settles joined the board of supervisors on May 17, 1965 and has now served on the board for 42 years.

Harry was born at home on February 4, 1921, in Washington County. He likes to be called “H” instead of Harry. He worked on the family farm during his early years in life. In November 1942, H joined the Army Infantry to defend our country during World War II. He was stationed in Germany and saw some horrendous activities during his time there. He received a severe case of frost-bite to his feet and was severely wounded when a lot of shrapnel entered his back and almost cut his spinal cord in half. He was flown from Germany to London and was stabilized. H then was flown back to the United States and sent to Camp Butner in North Carolina. Harry was honored with the Purple Heart Award for the time he served in the war.

After being discharged, Harry returned to Washington County. On July 19, 1947, he married Norma Raybourne. Then later expanded their family with 3 children; losing one at birth. They continued to raise two wonderful sons. H owned two farms; cattle and tobacco operations. Harry also worked as floor manager at a local tobacco warehouse. In 2003, he retired from the warehouse. A couple years later, Harry and Norma sold the two farms to their children.

Harry and Norma have traveled to every state, with the exception of two, Alaska and Hawaii. On April 1, 2007, they lost their oldest son to a massive heart attack. On July 19, 2007, H and Norma celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. A true blessing from God.

Harry is a devout Christian. He has attended Mackville Christian Church his entire life. He has served as deacon and elder of the church for 50 years. Harry is well known in the community and held in high esteem by his family, friends and neighbors. He is indeed a very special person.

In September, Harry was diagnosed with colon and upper GI tract cancer. We pray that it is the Lord’s will to heal this wonderful man and keep him with us for many years to come.