

Community Leadership Award 2007

This new award represents a lifetime of service to Alexander County, a legacy our recipient has created in this community to make life safer and more prosperous for past, recent, and future generations.

Quoting Mother Teresa, “We can do no great things; only small things with great love.” Our honoree lives this day to day. Lives he has touched since he moved back to Taylorsville in 1951 continues to grow. Whether is he stapling sheet rock at Habitat houses, eating lunch with Taylorsville Elementary school children as a lunch buddy, or taking orders for the Angel Food Ministries.

The long list of responsibilities he has shouldered in Alexander County is impressive and outstanding. May we just say that the movers and shakers for the past half century have included our citizen. Some of the many hats he as worn have been fire chief, Rotarian for 56 years, Chamber member, United Way, YMCA, and Boy Scout supporter and bank board member. He has served on numerous committees and boards dealing with future growth of the county and town.

After graduating from Taylorsville High School in 1944, he attended Auburn University, graduating in 1949. After a couple more years away, lucky for us, he came home to follow in his father’s footsteps in this rare family business. The business itself has been an important advantage for Alexander County business development.

Words describing his manner and style include “behind the scenes, low key, large impact with no publicity, Christian common sense and integrity.” And did you know he carves beautiful treasures out of pieces of wood?

He would prefer to ride quietly into the sunset, as he retires to Winston-Salem in March, but the Chamber felt that a gesture of thanks was most appropriate for our friend.

So it is with grateful hearts we acknowledge a kind and gentle husband, father, and grandfather who embodies the spirit of giving to his fellow mankind. May you continue to do “small things with great love.”

Our Community Leadership Award recipient-
Mr. Samuel J. Zachary