

President, Treasurer, Membership and much, much more! Faye Dell



It has been a great pleasure for us at the Hampstead American Legion Auxiliary to write about the people we have interviewed for this portion of the newsletter, but this particular interview has a special place in our hearts. We are, of course referring to our current president, Faye Dell. Faye was born in Hanover, Pa. in 1933. She lived on Broadway, and then moved to “New Baltimore” which is near the Pigeon Hills north of Hanover and later moved back to Broadway. Her parents were Charles and Mellie (Myers) Teal. Her school days consisted of Walnut Street School in Hanover for 1st, 2nd, and part of 3rd grade. After her family moved to her father's brothers farm she attended two years at Fairview School, then for Jr. High she attended Hanover Street School, and finally graduated from The Eichelberger High School.

Married twice, she has 2 sons from her first husband, Dale and Glenn. After her divorce she moved to Snydersburg and worked at Dutterer's where they had a bakery and snack bar. The baker there was named Donald who had a friend, also named Donald (Dell) and said, “I have somebody for you!” He arranged to have Donald Dell come in to the snack bar and have coffee. That's how they met and went on their first date at the Moose in Westminster. They were married on October 17, 1965 at St. Mark's in Snydersburg. Donald had two daughter's Toni and Loveric. Between their 4 children, they now have 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Faye also worked at Doubleday and later as a housewife and mother. She joined the Snydersburg Homemakers Group where she once served as President. She was also on the Consistory of St. Mark's, where she was the treasurer of the Joint Church. At that time, St. Mark's, Trinity Reformed in Manchester, and Lazarus Church in Lineboro were all part of this Joint Church.

Donald joined the American Legion first and Faye followed in 1972. Her actual original application is dated December 6, 1971 which is in our archives. She has held the office of President for 14 years, not all consecutive. The first time she held the office was early in her membership of the Auxiliary. She knew very little about it, but was told by the current commander then that she would do a great job! Faye has also held the office of treasurer in the Auxiliary and has been membership chairperson for many, many years. Plus she has been the President of the Western Maryland District for two years. The District covers 19 Units so that was quite a job. Faye has participated in “Day for God and Country” at Camp West Mar. As president of the Western Maryland District, it was her job to put the program for this day together selecting a speaker, entertainment, and food for the day. There have been many various committees throughout the years that she has served on. She has attended every convention for Maryland in Ocean City up until the past several years and has even gone to National Conventions in Indianapolis and Tennessee. Faye's dedication along with Donald included putting the newsletters together where they ran off, sorted, and then mailed the newsletters from their home. Faye continued to do this by herself even after Donald passed away. She also helped put together dinners at the post weekly for the Hampstead Lions Club, and occasionally for the Rotary Club and Jaycee's. She mentioned she always had great help preparing and serving these dinners. When the Unit had their candy sales fundraisers she and Donald would take their vehicles to Wolfgang in York, Pa. to pick up the orders and then distribute them to everyone who had bought candy. There were also the original bingo games where she would work in the kitchen. In those days these games were large and quite successful.

Faye and Donald did extensive traveling throughout the United States and Canada. Some of the states that they visited were: Alaska, Florida, New England, Michigan, California, and Hawaii. They flew to Hawaii and then took a cruise around Hawaii. Alaska was different, she said. They never made reservations and one particular

time they found everything full, so they found a place with small cabins and a bunk bed. Donald took the top bunk. When asked what was her favorite place they had traveled to, she said that they had been to Yellowstone five times, so maybe that was a favorite but added that: "Every place has beauty of its own and is more beautiful than the one before."

Faye has hobbies including putting puzzles together and crafts that she makes from plastic canvases and crocheting. Most of these crafts were learned from The Homemakers Club in Snydersburg.

She has a special pal at home; her dog named "Cody" who provides great company for her.

Faye says she has enjoyed being a part of the Auxiliary and wouldn't change any of it, although it was more fun when Donald was with her. She has agreed to install the new officers at this year's installation on June 19th.

Faye, with her extremely talented and organizational skills has made the Hampstead American Legion Auxiliary grow and prosper into what it is today. Her personality has made it a joy to serve under her as a member of the Auxiliary. We are truly humbled and honored that she has been our leader and we will continue to rely on her guidance. We know she will continue to be a part of the Auxiliary in many ways and she will be in our hearts forever. Thank you Faye for all you have done. God bless you.

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