

## Bill and Jan Edgerton

Bill (1937-2021)

Jan (1939– Present)



It was a fortunate day for Wayne County when Bill Edgerton retired, and he and his wife, Jan, moved to Goldsboro. Since 1996 they have devoted their time to serving others.

Bill was born in Johnston County, North Carolina. Jan, the former Janis Tandy, is from Oklahoma. They met when Bill was in the Air Force in her home state. They married in 1958 and moved to North Carolina. The couple has three children.

For 37 years Bill worked at Carolina Telephone, retiring as a manager for the Mid-Atlantic region. After moving to Goldsboro, he worked as a general contractor. Jan's career was as an elementary school teacher.

Bill and Jan's accomplishments in Wayne County represent a true partnership. They organized the Optimist Club, which aids in the development of youth. They founded the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity, which gives families the opportunity to become homeowners. Bill and Jan also started Helping Hands Ministry through First Baptist Church of Goldsboro. This group builds and repairs handicap ramps for Wayne County residents.

Awards they have received include the National Assn. of Home Builders Award, Order of the Longleaf Pine, Legacy Award, Presidents' Volunteer Service Award, and NC Medallion for Outstanding Volunteer Service.