

## Carmon & Betty Weller & Family Scholarship



The Fredericktown High School Alumni Association is pleased to announce their 11th Named Scholarship which will be awarded to a 2020 FHS graduate. This new fully endowed Scholarship was funded by the Weller Family--Carmon and Betty Lozier Weller and their children Tracie, Jeff and Judd.

All five family members were FHS graduates covering the span of 1952 to 1980. Carmon was the 1952 graduate where he was the Class and FFA

President, an all-around athlete and a faculty favorite. Carmon served his country during the Korean War, worked his way through The Ohio State University graduating in 1965 with a degree in Agronomy. After teaching high school for four years and working several other jobs, Carmon launched a successful backhoe business and became one of the community's most popular and helpful residents, appropriately earning the nickname of "Ambassador of Goodwill."

Carmon married his high school sweetheart, Betty Lozier, who was the love of his life until his death in 2015. Betty, a 1954 FHS grad, was the Salutatorian of her Class, a member of the National Honor Society and a popular cheerleader. She completed one year at Ohio State before taking time off to have a family and help pay the bills. Betty returned to the college classroom part-time while continuing to work and raise the children-- ultimately receiving her degree in Business Education from The Ohio State University in 1974. Betty immediately launched into a 30-year teaching career, with 29 of those years at Fredericktown. She was not only a student favorite in the classroom, but a driving force in numerous extracurricular activities--most notably the activities associated with the National Honor Society. Betty's community influence went far beyond the school house doors including 27 years as Fiscal Officer for Middlebury Township, serving on the Fredericktown School Board, the FHS Alumni Hall of Honor, and the FHS Alumni Scholarship Fund. It is no surprise that Betty was honored in 2017 as the Grand Marshal of the Fredericktown Tomato Show Parade which is acknowledged to be Fredericktown's most prestigious lifetime achievement award.

Betty is quick to tell all that both she and Carmon's greatest accomplishment was raising their three outstanding children--Tracie, Jeff and Judd--all of whom they are so proud. Each of the Weller children were excellent and popular students with significant accomplishments in the classroom and on the athletic fields. Tracie was a whiz in math and science and shared her gifts with others as a high school teacher for 30 years after graduating from The Ohio State University. Jeff caught Carmon's entrepreneurial spirit and established a successful sandblasting business. Judd, who had an eye for art and was a graduate of the Columbus College of Art and Design, had his life cut short by kidney cancer in 2013.

When asked what the driving force was causing the Weller Family to endow this scholarship, Betty said "Education is the most important thing we can give our students to prepare them for life. The fact that we had five teachers in our branch of the Weller family--Blanche McCulley, Esther McCulley Weller, Carmon Weller, Betty Lozier Weller and Tracie Weller--demonstrates our belief in the importance of education. We hope that our scholarship can help many Fredericktown students achieve their life-time goals."