

Jim “Steck” Williams

2009 Distinguished Alumnus- presented June 7, 2009

A graduate of Catawissa High School in 1952, Jim was captain of the baseball team, and starting guard on the Columbia County Championship basketball team.

In 1957, “Steck” Williams opened up his own barber shop in Elysburg and is still working as Elysburg’s only traditional barber to this day. After his move to Elysburg, he helped organize little league baseball and served as treasurer of Elysburg Little League for 18 years.

In the early 1960’s, “Steck” was also instrumental in organizing support and approaching the Southern School Board to establish a football program in the high school, and a kindergarten class in the elementary school. The school board approved both programs, and in 1962 Southern Area Joint High School played their first JV football schedule. The following year, 1963, the Tigers played their first varsity football game, playing their home games at the Athletic Park in Bloomsburg.

Over the years “Steck” has become the Tigers number one fan, and has served as a Volunteer Coach, game clock operator, score keeper for the wrestling program, the first Booster Club President, and for the past 15 years Jim has worked the sidelines helping with the yard markers at the Southern Columbia football games.

Jim “Steck” Williams is a man who is well known and beloved by all Southern Columbia Area players and students past and present, and has been an active member of the community serving the Elysburg Alliance Church for over 40 years in various positions and committees. He has served as a board member for over 30 years with Child Evangelism Fellowship, Good News Club of Northumberland County, and the Shamokin Christian Layman, a group that serves the community by providing church services for Knoebel’s Grove and J & D campgrounds each Sunday morning throughout the summer.

He and his wife Marian have been married 56 years, and have four children; three sons: David, Daniel and Douglas; and a daughter Debi.