

Union County Woman Awarded Order of the Long Leaf Pine

North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper has awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine to Judy B. Chapman of Monroe. In doing so the governor acknowledged Chapman's service to the state, the county and her community.

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is among the most prestigious awards presented by the Governor of North Carolina. The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is presented to individuals who have a proven record of extraordinary service to the state. Contributions to their communities, extra effort in their careers, and many years of service to their organizations are some of the guidelines by which recipients are selected for this award.

Beginning her government service in the 1970s, Chapman was a Notary Public and was appointed a deputy to the Register of Deeds and later served as the Register herself. She was then appointed by the NC Secretary of State as Director of the Uniform Commercial Code Division in that office. From there Chapman served as Special Assistant to the Director of Correction Enterprises and as administrator over the Prison Industries Enhancement Program.

In her various official positions Chapman was involved in the appointment and training of Notaries Public for the state, work she has continued to this year. She first became a Notary Public instructor in 1983 and has been an E Notary and an E Notary Public instructor for the past 11 years.

Chapman was an organizer and past president of the South Piedmont Notary Society and was also organizer and is past president of the statewide North Carolina Notary Association. Following her two terms as president of state association she served as a director and as a member of the executive committee of that body.

Chapman was honored to serve on the Secretary of State's Committee to rewrite the state's Notary laws that resulted in the passage of NCGS 10A (1991). She then served on the Secretary's Education Committee conducting seminars to educate Notaries across the state on the new law's provisions.

Chapman is retiring as instructor of Notaries for South Piedmont Community College as well as for Stanly Community College and at seven campuses of Central Piedmont Community College in Mecklenburg County.

She was nominated for National Notary of the Year in 2003 and was runner up for that honor and featured in the National Notaries Association magazine.

Educated in the Union County Public Schools Judy also graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from NC State University.

Judy Chapman is the daughter of Dora Winchester Boyce and the late Bill Boyce she is married to David Chapman. They have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.