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Member, Calvert County Board of Education, 1973-82 (past president). Member, Board of County Commissioners, Calvert County, 1990-98 (president, 1994-98). Member, Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland, 1990-98 (past chair).

Member, Board of Regents, University System of Maryland, 2001-; Governor's Executive Council, 2001-; Smart Growth and Neighborhood Conservation Subcabinet, 2001-; Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, 2001-; Governor's Council on the Chesapeake Bay, 2001-; Maryland Food Center Authority, 2001-; Maryland Horse Industry Board, 2001-; Mid-Atlantic Poultry Health Council, 2001-; Governor's Pesticide Council, 2001-; Rural Legacy Board, 2001-; Scenic and Wild Rivers Review Board, 2001-; State Soil Conservation Committee, 2001-; Maryland Winery and Grape Growers' Advisory Board, 2001-. Co-Chair, Interagency Nutrient Reduction Oversight Committee, 2001-. Member, State Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council, 2001-.

Born December 20, 1934. Graduated from Calvert County High School, 1953. Served in Maryland National Guard, 1952-58; U.S. Army Reserves, 1958-60. Farmer. Employed by Natural Resources and Conservation Services, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, 1953-86. Member, Soil Conservation Society of America (past president, Old Line Chapter); National Association of Conservation Districts. Member, Environmental Commission, Calvert County; Prince Frederick Lodge No. 142, A.F. & A.M.; Calvert County Farm Bureau; Trinity United Methodist Church. Commendation Award, Soil Conservation Society of America, 1983. Married, three children.

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