

**James and Margaret (Peggy) Hancuff
Distinguished Educators, 2022
Class of 1958**

Jim and Peggy Hancuff have been actively serving the Hollidaysburg Area School District for most of their lives. Peggy graduated from Hollidaysburg in 1958; Jim from Williamsburg in 1957. They both attended IUP for education and this is where they met in 1959.

Peggy was a substitute teacher for HASD while raising their children before obtaining a Master's Degree in special education returning full time in 1984 as a Learning Support Specialist. Peggy retired in 2004. Jim began his career as a student teacher at Hollidaysburg in 1960, teaching with Pat Cummings and Bill Waryck. He began his tenure at HASD in 1962 and retired in 1997. Jim was also a part time instructor at Penn State Altoona through 2006 and was recognized in 2000 as the Adjunct Outstanding Lecturer. Through the years, Jim had many notable accomplishments with HASD. These include: coaching baseball, 41 years as a basketball referee, awarded Teacher of the Year from the FTA, named Hollidaysburg Alumni Outstanding Educator and was made a Paul Harris Fellow through the Rotary. Their community service also spanned decades. They were class advisors from 1962-65 and then aided with the After-Glo event; Peggy for 4 years until their children were born, Jim until the early 90s. Jim also served as a yearbook advisor with Pat Cummings for 20 years!

Peggy has been serving on the HASD Foundation Board for 17 years. She also delivered Meals on Wheels through 2020. Both Jim and Peggy have served on multiple boards and committees at their church.