

**GREENE COUNTY COMMISSIONER JOHN ROSS GARDNER
1939 – March 27, 2007 ... “will never be forgotten”**

PRESS RELEASE: Tuesday, March 27, 2007, Greene County Commissioner, John Ross Gardner, 68, passed away. John's service to the community started in the 1970's when, as a volunteer, he worked for Waynesburg Borough as its first zoning inspector. In 1979, John was appointed to the seat of County Commissioner to fill a vacant seat. Over the years he was elected and served 4 terms representing the Republican Party. He was responsible for many MAJOR projects throughout the county; playing a major role in the renovation of: the Fort Jackson Building, the Ben Franklin Building, the Greene County Courthouse, the Greene County Log Courthouse and the Greene County Office Building. The most recent projects he was proud of are: the Greene River Trail, Murtha Drive, the new Aquatic Center and the Tennis Courts, to name a few.



John R. Gardner 1939-2007

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: October 25, 2007 ~~ The Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce will honor John with a posthumous Distinguished Service Award at the chamber's annual membership meeting and banquet held on November 17, 2007 at Waynesburg University's Benedum Dining Hall.

John's service to the community began in the 1970s when he volunteered as the first zoning inspector for Waynesburg Borough. In 1979, he was appointed to the board of county commissioners to fill the seat vacated by the death of Ernest Lemley. John was subsequently elected to three more terms, in 1980, 1996 and 2000. He also had worked part-time as a driver for Central Cab, driving charter buses for many local high school teams and universities, including Waynesburg University and WVU. He was a Christian and served as an elder at First Presbyterian in Waynesburg, and a former member of the board of trustees of Waynesburg University. He had served as both chief and president of Waynesburg Volunteer Fire Company.

"What was most unique about John was that he seemed to have the time for every individual in this county, not just his friends," said Waynesburg Borough Manager Jed Howard, who knew John his whole life.



Judith (Judy) P. Gardner

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... was sworn into the Board of Commissioners at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, April 5, 2007 by Judge Terry Grimes. Judy will serve the remaining nine months of her late husband's term as Greene County Commissioner. John R. Gardner passed away on March 27, 2007.

Judy was surrounded for the ceremony by her children, her grandchildren, other family members, friends and county workers.