

# Larry J. Collier



Larry J. Collier was born on November 3, 1947 in Grayson Kentucky. Larry joined the Grayson Volunteer Fire Department in 1965. From 1966-70 he served in the U. S. Air Force including tours in Viet Nam and Thailand. He also served in the Army reserves from 1973-76 and worked for the Ohio Air National Guard from 1976 to 1992 retiring as Fire Chief of the Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. After leaving the Air Force, Larry became active in the Grayson Fire Department. He quickly moved through the department ranks including firefighter, EMT, CPR and First Aid Instructor, officer and culminating in him becoming Grayson Fire Chief. He also served as Director of Emergency Management for several years. Chief Collier was instrumental in establishing the first Rescue Unit for the Grayson Fire Department. Larry Collier spent 28 years volunteering for the Grayson Fire Department before retiring in 1993. He was the Vice President and President of the Eastern Kentucky Firefighters Association. Larry served on the Commission for Fire Protection, Personnel Standards and Education and from 2000 to 2002 he was the Executive Director of the Kentucky Fire Commission.

Larry attended his first KFA conference in 1976 and attended every subsequent conference until 2001. He served on

several committees for the Kentucky Firefighter's Association including the KFA Pension Committee, the Advisory Committee and the Nominating Committee. In 1980 he was elected Fifth Vice President of the KFA. He worked his way up the vice presidential ladder and in 1985 Larry Collier became President of the Kentucky Firefighters Association and hosted the 1986 KFA conference in Ashland. During his term Collier worked on the Committee that wrote the Low Interest Loan Program that has benefited many departments throughout Kentucky.

Larry has been married to his wife Patricia for 50 years. They have two sons, Todd and Craig who is deceased. Todd and his wife Amy have given Larry and Patricia two grandchildren Austin and Nicole

Presenting the Hall of Fame Award to Larry Collier is his wife Patricia