

Jamia Skaggs



Jamia Skaggs was born and raised on a farm in Campbellsville Kentucky with her sister Debbie. During her childhood she was involved in sewing, cooking and helping on the family farm. Jamia was a member of 4-H Club showing Landrace Hogs at County and State Fairs.

Jamia graduated from Taylor County High School in 1974 and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration at Campbellsville College with a minor in Secretarial Science.

In January 1979 she went to work as the secretary for Lake Cumberland EMS where she gained her first experience with emergency services. She worked at the Taylor County Sheriff's Office from August 1989 to December 1993.

In March 1994 Jamia accepted the position of Office Coordinator at State Fire Rescue Area 14. Her past 4-H experience would prove helpful in dealing with her new boss Charlie Shaw.

As Special Events Coordinator for the Kentucky Firefighters Association, Charlie was heavily involved in many areas of the state. Jamia quickly began assisting Charlie with all of these projects.

For many years she prepared the information, handled the registrations and typed and distributed the rules for the KFA State Fire Olympics. Jamia was a fixture at every Olympic competition as the Official Scorer.

Jamia worked with the KFA Treasurer to purchase a public relations booth for the Kentucky Firefighters Association. She attended events all over the commonwealth manning the booth and promoting the KFA.

For 19 years Jamia Skaggs played a vital role in the Kentucky State Fire School. She worked year round on the Exhibitors Booths contacting vendors, attending meetings, communicating with exhibitors and tracking and collecting registration fees.

Keeping the Kentucky Firefighters Association relevant Jamia started the KFA Face Group which now has over 700 members.

For 19 years Jamia Skaggs worked behind the scenes assisting Charlie Shaw with his many projects and promoting the KFA in any way that she could. Few people could pick Jamia Skaggs out of a crowd but nearly everyone in the KFA knew her name and knew of her accomplishments.

Tonight we bring her out of the shadows and into the limelight. Jamia has had an extremely difficult year from a health standpoint. Her physical struggles have been significant but her appearance at this year's state fire school was an inspiration to everyone in attendance. We all salute her dedication, we admire her perseverance and we pray for her recovery.

Tonight Jamia Skaggs becomes the first female inductee of the Kentucky Firefighters Association Hall of Fame. It is an honor that she has earned after many years of dedicated service. Making the presentation to Jamia Skaggs are fellow Hall of Famers Woody Will and Rick Games.