

**JOAN PEARCY SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD  
NOMINATION FORM**

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Name of Nominee

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Name of person or group submitting the nomination

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**Note: A person may nominate only one candidate for the Senior Citizen of the Year Award**

**VISION STATEMENT:** The Senior Citizen of the Year Award is named after Joan Percy, an individual who never looked for or needed public recognition. The award is frequently given to those who work behind the scenes. Joan's involvement in the development and support for many major programs of the Mill Race Center demonstrates the commitment of those who may become recipients of this award.

**PURPOSE OF THE AWARD:**

- To recognize an outstanding senior citizen for his or her service to the community
- To encourage continued achievement and service from the senior community
- To reinforce with the public the contributions of senior citizens to community life

**QUALIFICATIONS:** The following qualifications will be considered during the selection process.

- The nominee is a living person, 65 years of age or older
- The nominee is a resident of Bartholomew County for at least the most recent 12 months
- The nominee has actively contributed as a volunteer and has a history of volunteerism
- The nominee is innovative, devoted to making a difference in our community, and may have leadership ability
- The nominee may not be widely recognized in the community
- The nominee may be a person or a couple

**HOW TO NOMINATE:** In order for your nomination to be considered, please include the following –

- This form with the top filled out completely
- Attach to this form a one-page narrative description of the nominee. No more than one page will be accepted.  
The narrative must include:
  1. an explanation of your relationship to the nominee or how you know him/her
  2. a description of this nominee's involvement in the community
  3. an explanation of why the nominee merits a Senior Citizen of the Year Award
- Attach to this form two letters endorsing your candidate
- Nominations must be legible and presented on 8 ½" x 11" paper
- Please send or deliver your nomination so that it is received **NO LATER THAN August 15 each year.**

SEND TO:

**Senior Citizen of the Year Award Review Panel  
Mill Race Center  
900 Lindsey Street • Columbus, IN 47201  
(812) 376-9241**

Nominations are kept for consideration for future awards.  
Additional copies of this form may be downloaded from  
[www.millracecenter.org](http://www.millracecenter.org)

## JOAN PEARCY SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Joan Percy Senior Citizen of the Year Award recognizes and celebrates those who give unselfishly to their community without regard to personal glory, as Joan did. Joan preferred to work quietly in the background, shunning the spotlight, but she had the creativity, patience and finesse of a natural leader. This award continues the legacy of her giving spirit and her love of the people around her –in her family, her community, and around the world.

Joan was an early and strong supporter of Mill Race Center in many ways.

- She promoted many services for local senior citizens as a result of her supervision of the care of her father for 20 years after her mother's death.
- She was a founding member and organized educational classes through the Partners in Education program.
- She brought her love and knowledge of books to the Community Book Read committee.
- She served on the Personnel Committee and was instrumental in hiring Bob Pitman, Executive Director of Mill Race Center.
- She served on the Health Screening Committee.
- She represented the Mill Race Center Board on the Aging & Community Service Advisory Council.
- She helped to develop the Senior Expo event.

Joan supported many other causes.

- She honored the military by serving on the Veterans Memorial Committee.
- She helped to create beautiful parks and trails by serving on the Parks & Recreation Foundation Board.
- As a member of the PEO sorority, she supported scholarships for women pursuing higher education.
- Through her membership in the Tri Kappa sorority, she supported culture and education in Indiana.

Joan supported all of those around her, making sure multiple generations of her family stayed connected and maintaining friendships throughout her life. She was passionate about the arts, attending the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, the Indiana Repertory Theatre, the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario, and any production that featured a child or grandchild. She loved reading, checking out several books from the library each week, and served on the Bartholomew County Library Board. She was an avid gardener, landscaping beds of trees, shrubs, perennials, and annuals around her home and planting flowers and installing a fountain at the Bartholomew County Courthouse with her Mudlarks Garden Club friends. She served on numerous committees at her church, including the liturgical arts, banner, building, and landscaping committees.

Joan was warm, intelligent, gracious, fun-loving, and supportive. She was loved by all who knew her. Through this award, the character and dedication of Joan Percy will always be remembered.

### PAST WINNERS:

John Prout, Carrie Ong, Elsie Sweeney, Mary Arbuckle, Luther Lockwood, Laura Long, J. Ray Ross, Ernest Drebert, Aneta Vogler, Fred Suhre, Mildred Murray, William Ross, Georgia Williams, Dorothy Poulton, Scott Doup, Lenore McDougal, W. Carr Lentz, Marshall Vogler, A. V. Keesling, Waldo Harrison, Donald Arthur, Evelyn Seward, Dr. Dorothy Teal, Lucy Shireman, Sarah B. Hunt, Olive Murphy, Orphie Bridges, Effie Miller, Martha Graham, Blanche Hutton, Ben Sproat, Sister Evangela Brenner, Maynard Noll, Tom Harrison, Margaret Whittington, Bernice Groves, Charles Hite, Richard and Clara Clancy, Marion Bignall, "Jiggs" Thompson, Adrian Minnick, Dorothy Tiemeyer, Charlie Harris, Mary Evelyn Guinn, Don Sublette, Joann Dailey, Frank Souza, Ed Campbell, Bob Harden, Rovene Quigley, Norma Jean Burns, Tom Pickett, Eileen Yost, Lynn Bigley, Carolyn Lickerman, Chuck VanAtta, Kay Shanks, Bob Calderone, Ted Unrue, Wilna Braun, Peggy Wampler, and Donna Browne.