



James (Jim) Stockdale was born and has lived in Sangamon County most of his 93 years. For the last 38 of those years he has done so with his wife, Carol.

Jim was schooled in the Auburn school district and in 1940 graduated from the University of Illinois. His profession was mortgage banking but was always very interested in conservation and proper care of the land.

As the overseer of his family's farms, he was one of the first in this area to build terraces and always working on projects to improve drainage, be a good steward of the soil, as well as, improve crop production.

Located at a farm pond, Jim practiced beekeeping for many years. It was a hobby and a true passion for him.

Jim was an active member of the Presbyterian Church and is now a Friend of the Auburn United Methodist Church. Hi service to the community included sitting on the Auburn School Board, Sangamon County Soil and Water District Board, Sangamon County Farm Bureau Board, Auburn Cemetery Board, and still actively supports local projects he feels are valuable to the community.

His latest environmental project is the SAFE program. This program plants areas north of Thayer into grasses, flowers (and unwelcomed weeds) that are conducive to raising Quail. It is called Quail Hill and many have seen the result of that effort with frequent siting's of Quail in the area.

One never gets too old to take good care of the land!

**2012 Recipient
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