

Bob Williams Memorial Award: Bill Marohl

There is one award that WAF considers the highest form of honor because it bears the name of Bob Williams. If you don't know who Bob Williams was, he was the biggest advocate of fairs, agriculture, and education. He was also the best joke teller! When Bob passed away in November of 2016 we lost a passionate fair advocate. Fortunately we had already set up a Bob Williams award to recognize him, and now we recognize other deserving individuals in our industry with the Bob Williams Memorial Award.

This award recognizes an individual who exudes some of Bob's characteristics. Tonight's individual truly does.

Bill Marohl, has been an active member and participant of the Vernon County Fair for more than 50 years. He started out when his kids were exhibitors and eventually became a superintendent which then lead him to get elected to the Vernon County Fair Board. Bill then became active in WAF, becoming a committee member, district 3 rep on the WAF board and eventually served as president. After his term as a board member, Bill was recognized as the WAF Friend of the Fair and an IAFE Heritage Award Recipient.

Bill is often caught talking about Bob Williams to others as Bob was such a mentor. Probably the most fun part of Bill receiving this award is that Bill took over the jobs that Bob did for Jayme after Bob passed away and has been doing them ever since. Bill serves as the official "sign" man and go to guy for WAF.

It is truly an honor to present the Bob Williams Memorial Award to Bill Marohl.

Congratulations Bill!