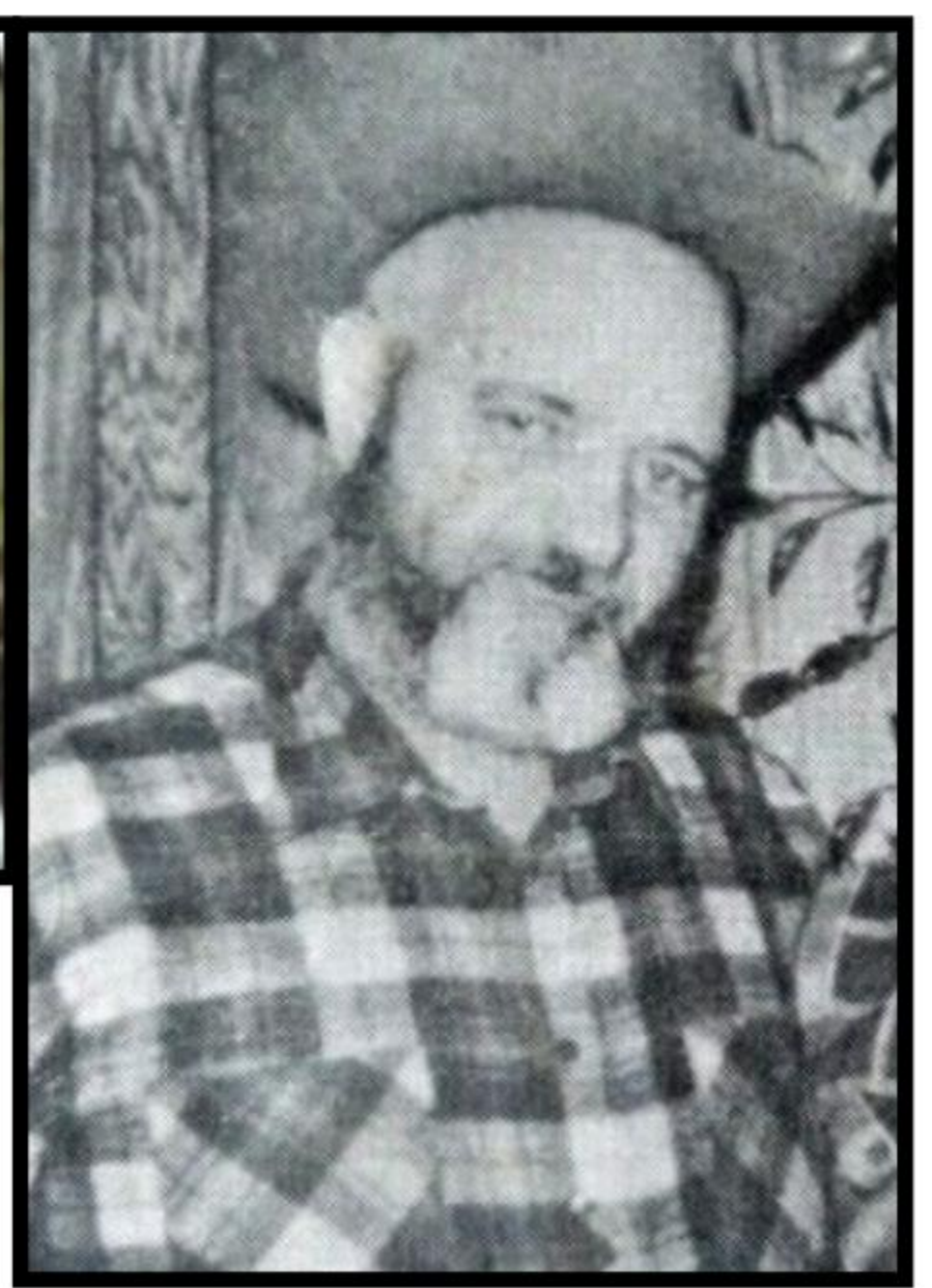




Hall of Honor Inductees

2023



Marvin Ramsey

Marvin Ramsey was born in Clay County, West Virginia and grew up in and around Bluegrass Music. He relocated to Detroit in 1948 and moved to Whitmore Lake where he promoted the Whitmore Lake Festival in the 70s and 80s. According to Bobby Hutch, Marvin sponsored a float in the Whitmore Lake 4th of July parade, a flatbed trailer with Bobby and his band playing on the trailer as it rolled through town.

Nolan Faulkner was an experienced musician when he moved to Brighton Michigan and worked at a gravel company. At that time he purchased a mandolin. He sometimes played with Red Ellis and the Huron Valley boys, and the group recorded two of his original songs which he wrote with Bill Carpenter. They were *Christmas is not Far Away* and *Home for Christmas*. He later played and recorded with numerous Michigan and Ohio based bands and musicians, including Lee Allen, Wendy Miller & Mike Lilly, Bob Smallwood, Wade Mainer, Charlie Moore, Robert White, James Miller, Dana Cupp, and Roy McGinnis. A more complete discography can be found at:

<https://bluegrasstoday.com/nolan-faulkner-passes/>

The late Sherm Funk was an avid supporter of Blugerass Music in Southeastern Michigan. Sherm was raised in Virginia in the foothills of the Blueridge Mountains enjoying Bluegrass and Old Time music that was part of his southern heritage. In the 80's Sherm became a judge at the Old Time Fidler's Convention in Galax, VA where thousands were in attendance. This passion for Bluegrass music led to him hosting a weekly radio show on Ypsilanti's WSDS. He continued as a volunteer host/DJ for over two decades utilizing his own collection of nearly 1000 vinyl records. During the same period he emceed numerous Bluegrass Festivals in Southern Michigan and Northern Ohio. His daughter remembers him ignoring all speed limits so he would not be late to an interview with Ralph Stanley. Sherm loved providing Bluegrass to other fans. This was one of his proudest accomplishments.



Sherman D. Funk



Lee "Nolan" Faulkner

Southeast Michigan Bluegrass Music Association

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Class of 2016

Michael Adams
John Bayerl
David Blakney
Bobby Hutch
Tom Laing
Gordon L. Lamb
Larry McDaniel
Virgie McClearen
Nick Mladjan
John Morris
Jim & Fay Wilder
Jerry & Ada Yates

Class of 2017

Gary & Maggie Bilby
Burke Cole
Dana Cupp, Sr.
Leroy Drumm
Fred Ellis
Pete Goble
Cayce & Ruth Kiger
Mitchel Manns
Roy & Fay McGinnis
Freddie Newby
Cranford (Ford) Nix
Ralph Paige
Virgil Shouse
Bill & Pam Warren
Robert White

Class of 2018

Bob Campbell
Jimmy Campbell
Roy Cobb
Dana Cupp, Jr.
Richard "Dick" Dieterle
Tim Ellis
Jimmy Thompson.

Class of 2019

Ruby Bennett
Greg Cahill
David Conley, Sr.
Duane Estep
George Kilbreath
Jimmy Kittle
The RFD boys

Class of 2020

Gary Adams, Sr.
John Coffey
Jerry Eicher
Marvin "Red" Ellis
Jim LaPrad
Oscar N. McKiney
Ralph Mullins
Bruce Pettinger
Wes Pettinger
Roger Schultze
Sandy Schultze/Pettinger

Class of 2021

Randy Beckey
Farrell Clark
The Miller Brothers
Dick & Sandy Neff

Class of 2022

Brad Campbell
Wayne Holcombe
Terry Nisley
Dan Taylor
Larry Taylor

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