

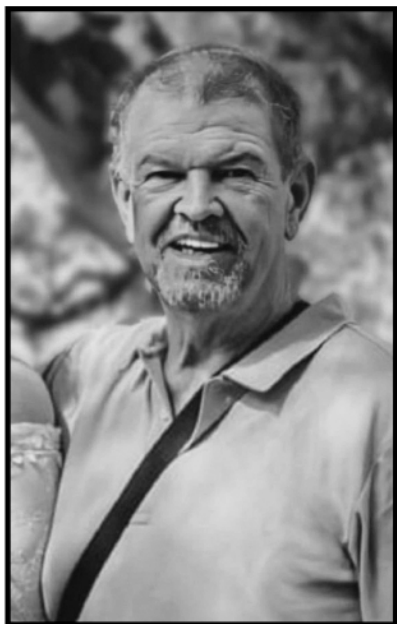


Hall of Honor Inductees

2025

Ronnie McKeever

Ronnie McKeever began playing guitar at age four when his dad, Ron Sr., showed him his first chords and he was hooked. Ronnie worked very hard at crafting his own style. Throughout the years as he began playing in a variety of bands including Bluegrass, Country, Christian Rock, Southern Gospel, Celtic, even adding in some Jazz. Bluegrass was always his first love as far as genre. When he became confident with the guitar, I started fooling around with other instruments; mandolin, bouzouki, banjo. Now you never know what he will pull out to add some variety to a gig or jam. Ronnie has especially enjoyed meeting people at jams and after performances with whatever group he is playing with. On August 27, 2017 he was inducted into the Michigan Country Music Hall of Fame. Ronnie is very grateful to be considered for the Bluegrass Hall of Honor. God has blessed me with great friends and wonderful music that has brought us together.

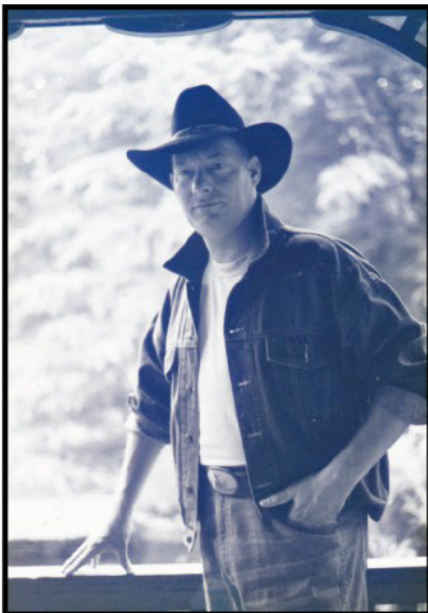


Steve Hunt lived for Bluegrass. To say he was a superfan does not do him justice. Steve was the a great ambassador; his knowledge and care for bluegrass is why his son, Kyle, found himself infatuated with it. Kyle found himself constantly listening to groups like Illrd Tyme Out because of Steve's enthusiasm. Steve was always doing his best to promote every festival, large or small. He was in attendance at all the local festivals. Kyle remembers his dad as the life of the party, with an hard to forget personality and a huge heart. We remember Steve camping at Milan with his corn hole game close at hand.

Kyle hopes Steve will be remembered by the bluegrass community he loved so much; as does the Association.

Holly Victor Caddarette, Sr., better know as Vic Holly, was born in Toledo, OH in 1951, but lived in Adrian, Michigan the last 10 years of his life.

Over his career Vic developed skills in playing not only banjo, but guitar, bass, fiddle, dobro, mandolin and steel. Vic had earned the nickname ‘Super Side Man’, frequently sitting in for any missing band member. Vic had started playing banjo at 11 years old and won the Tri-State Banjo Championship at 17. That gave him an early start in bluegrass and country with local bands including JJ O’Shea. The Oak Harbor Boys, and regional legend Bob Wurst. His own band "Vic Holly and Cross Fire" combined country music classics and blistering bluegrass favorites mixed with down home humor. Vic was popular as his alter-ego character "Junior" compete with fake false teeth, bib overalls and bare feet. Over the years his diverse musical career had him playing with several national acts including Stella Parton, Loretta Lynn, and Hank Williams Jr.



In his later years he was diagnosed with diabetes but before passing in March. 2025, Vic had been jamming, giving free banjo lessons, and playing locally around Tecumseh, Adrian, southeast Michigan, and northwest Ohio. He often played with the Jimmy Jammers, enjoying playing gospel at local churches. His many friend and family loved him and hope to see him again somewhere in time.

Hall of Honor Members

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

2017

Gary & Maggie Bilby
Burke Cole
Dana Cupp, Sr.
Leroy Drumm
Fred Ellis
Pete Goble
Cayce & Ruth Kiger

2017 Continued

Mitchel Manns
Roy & Fay McGinnis
Freddie Newby
Cranford (Ford) Nix
Ralph Paige
Virgil Shouse
Bill & Pam Warren
Robert White

2018

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

2019

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

2020

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

2021

Randy Beckey
Farrell Clark
The Miller Brothers
Dick & Sandy Neff

2022

Brad Campbell
Wayne Holcombe
Terry Nisley
Dan Taylor
Larry Taylor

2023

Lee "Nolan" Faulkner
Sherman Funk
Marvin Ramsey

2024

Deja and Bonnie Davenport
Les Emard

2025

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Vic Holly
Ronnie McKeever