

## **Regina Gwinn Eckle**

Regina Gwinn Eckle was born to James Campbell Gwinn and Hazel McGraw Gwinn of Green Sulphur Springs.

She attended Sandstone Elementary School, where her mother was a teacher. She was very much involved in the 4-H program in her youth. She graduated from Hinton High School in 1967 and then attended West Virginia University (WVU) obtaining a degree in Home Economics and Education, then a Master's Degree in Education Administration.

Regina was employed at Pipestem State Park as Personnel Director for several years and then briefly for the WVU Extension Service in Summers County. In 1984 she opened her State Farm Insurance Agency in Hinton and continues to enjoy working with her team and serving the needs of her policyholders. Throughout her career with State Farm she has excelled and has earned many awards. Her most valued award is the President's Club in Banking which is comprised of the top 50 agents in that category out of 18,000 State Farm agents nationwide.

Over the years she has served on several boards including The Summers County Library Board, Summers County Hospital Board, Summers County Chamber of Commerce, 4C Economic Development Board and Hinton Area Foundation HAF Board (serving twice as President) and she has chaired many committees. She currently chairs the Classes of Hinton High School Making a Difference (MAD) committee. Her dad, James Campbell Gwinn was on the original HAF board, and started a fund (CHPR Gwinn Scholarship Fund) to provide assistance to students attending Concord University each year. Not only has she contributed to this fund but also found some matching funding through her employer, State Farm. She loves the feeling that comes with being able to give back to the community.

She has one son, Brian Gwinn Eckle of Charlotte, NC and twin grandsons, Jack Eckle and Sam Eckle. She lives on a family farm, which has been in her family for six generations where she enjoys nature, hiking gardening, traveling, cooking, spending time with her friends, and her NC boys. She has traveled to

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many places worldwide with long time partner, Dr. Darrell Belcher, including Bali, Africa, India, South America, China, many European Countries, and many other destinations, but nothing beats returning to the beautiful WV mountains with its incredible resilient people.

**Regina Gwinn Eckle, We Salute You!**





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