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Jefferson County resident posthumously honored for recycling efforts

Jefferson County resident Lyle Campbell “Cam” Tabb was posthumously honored as a Recycling Champion by the Recycling Coalition of West Virginia for his important contributions to recycling and composting education in the Mountain State. His family was presented the Recycling Champion at a small ceremony held at Kearneysville Tree Fruit Research and Education Center on November 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in a cooperative presentation by the Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority, the West Virginia Solid Waste Management Board and the Recycling Coalition of WV.

The Tabb family has farmed in Jefferson County West Virginia since 1872. In 1976, Tabb, with his parents, his wife Jane, and brother Howard founded the business Lyle C. Tabb and Sons Inc., near Leetown on a part of the family farm known as Vinemont. The farm operation evolved to embrace organic fertilizer and in 1994 became the first “Certified Yard Waste Compost Operator” to be certified by the West Virginia division of Environmental Protection.

Tabb established a free drop-off for grass clippings and leaves. Once processed on-site, these items are sold as compost or added to the topsoil mix that is utilized in the farming operation. A roll off container service was established to support the disposal needs of other farms, construction sites and storm debris recycling. Once filled, the containers are transported back to the farm where the manure, pallets, scrap lumber, tree debris, food waste, and limbs is turned into firewood, animal bedding, compost, topsoil blend and mulch or used in lieu of commercial fertilizer.

Today the free drop-off location allows the public to drop leaves and yard waste - as is or in biodegradable bags 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The company also supports private partnerships by being the backbone to the management of brush, leaves and grass for the regional municipalities and county solid waste authorities. Their support enables the municipalities and counties to offer affordable collections for food waste, lumber waste, yard waste and brush. The company offers more than 70 roll-off containers spread across hundreds of businesses in Berkeley and Jefferson County for all types of organics.

The life of Cam Tabb continues to impact the region. His commitment to the community is evident in his service to others including the Farm Service Agency, Jefferson County Planning Commission, Prostate Cancer Survivor Counsel, Jefferson County Fair Association and Clarke County Young Farmers.

The Recycling Coalition, in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Protection, the Solid Waste Management Board and the state’s 50 solid waste authorities, regularly honors Recycling Champions who reach beyond their normal responsibilities to contribute time and service to support the recycling industry in West Virginia. These Recycling Champions provide recycling leadership across the state and make a significant contribution to the recycling community. The Recycling Coalition is a non-profit environmental organization whose mission is to promote the effective and sustainable reduction, reuse and recycling of materials otherwise destined for disposal.

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