

## Louisiana – 2012



### Leroy V. "Roy" Robbins, Jr.

#### 4-H Volunteer

**4-H Activities:** Club Co-leader and sheep project leader over 50 years (1953-2003). President of the parish 4-H foundation, chairman of the parish 4-H livestock sales committee, and sheep project advocate and sponsor. Led members in service projects including making toys and repairing bicycles for special needs children and seniors.

**Honors:** 4-H Good Provider Award, 1972; Leader's Award to National 4-H Congress, 1975; Attorney General's Livestock Leader Award, 1979; Capital City Kiwanis Club Service Award in agriculture, 1983. East Baton Rouge 4-H Hall of Fame, 1982; Louisiana 4-H Hall of Fame, 2011. LSU degree in chemical engineering at age 19; employed by Exxon 38 years with 9 U.S. and several foreign patents.

Leroy Robbins served in East Baton Rouge Parish as a club and project leader for more than 50 years (1953-2003). He began his volunteerism as a parent interested in the sheep project. Over the years, he served the program in many leadership capacities: as president of the parish 4-H foundation, chairman of the parish 4-H livestock sales committee, and advocate and sponsor for the sheep project in many parishes throughout the state. He and his wife served as co-leaders of the Riverside 4-H Club

and offered their home as a meeting place for meetings and workshops. As a result of the time dedicated to 4-H members, the Robbins' home became known as "Robbins Roost."

The Riverside 4-H Club was honored with many awards including Best Community Club, Best-Organized Club and Best Club Meeting. Additionally, individual members received parish, district, state and national awards. Robbins led members in service projects including making toys and repairing bicycles for special needs children and senior citizens. He would hatch baby chicks and provide them to poultry project members. He was recipient of the 4-H Good Provider Award, the Attorney General's Livestock Leader Award and the Leader's Award to National 4-H Congress. In 1983, the Capital City Kiwanis Club honored him with the Distinguished Service Award in agriculture.

**Quotes:** There is never a problem, only a challenge and an opportunity.

I believe in trusting young boys and girls, and they give back that trust.



Roy introduces Riverside 4-H members to the sheep project - his favorite.



Roy assisting Riverside 4-H members working on record books in his home.



Parents night at Riverside 4-H Club in the Robbins' home.