

Idaho



Mary Lee Wood
Idaho Extension Staff

Home: Parma, ID

Inducted: 2005

Major 4-H Projects & Activities:

Nevada 4-H member 9 years; major projects in beef, clothing, food/nutrition and 4-H camping. Idaho Extension Staff 1964-1999: county extension home economist, resource person for horse and livestock, state clothing specialist, district and state 4-H specialist, Family and Community Leadership Coordinator, grant writer, and Acting State 4-H Program Coordinator.

Significant Honors:

NAE4-HA Air Force Recruiting Salute Award (1998), Idaho 4-H Hall of Fame (2002), America Association of Family & Consumer Sciences National Leaders (1992), Idaho Statesman Newspaper Citizen of the Month.

Mary Lee Wood, raised on a farm and active in agriculture, has been with 4-H for over 50 years. Providing the impetus for volunteers to form a statewide 4-H leader organization, she advised their committees who hosted annual State 4-H Leader Forums. She was advisor to two Western Regional Leader Forum planning committees and the Idaho 4-H Teen Association Officers and Ambassadors. A committee member/chair of numerous national planning committees for volunteer, staff development and curriculum development, she authored curriculum for volunteer and member use. She was a charter member and officer of IAE4HA founded in 1972. Since her retirement, she's been a special project employee, consultant, writer, and volunteer.

"4-H teaches life skills using real life experiences. Skills such as giving 4-H presentations/demonstrations, building relationships and the network of lifelong friends and connections apply to life as a parent, employee or boss and in community activities. 4-H honed my appreciation and dedication to volunteerism and encouraged me to be a lifelong learner. It feels good to have had a role in creating that legacy for others."



Mary Lee as a Nevada 4-H member.



Mary Lee with Idaho 4-H Teen Association Officers.



Mary Lee accepts the NAE4-HA Air Force Recruiting Salute Award.