

## Curt Messer

Curt Messer has been a resident of Summers County for 53 years, since 1966. He has many friends here who consider him like a member of their family. You may see him at The Market Getting coffee or at Kirks getting lunch. Before being drafted into the United States Army in April of 1953, he lived in his hometown of Wyandotte, Michigan. He attended school there at Saint Patrick's Irish School. In the Army, he served 28 years collectively. He served in America and European countries. In 1966, he moved to Summers County. He says the winter climate here and the forest reminds him of his time in Germany. Curt says that he absolutely fell in love with Summers County. He said he is proud to be a Mountaineer by choice. Mr. Messer became a photographer. He said one memory of the start of his love for photography was on an Easter Sunday. His parents were in their Easter outfits and they wanted to have a picture taken, so Curt took it with the Sears & Roebuck camera that belonged to his family. Whenever the film was developed his parents were frustrated with him, not because his pictures were bad, but because they were the best out of all the other pictures. Photography is one of his hobbies now. A couple of his other hobbies include model trains and anything that sparks his interest. When asked about his achievements he replied that he survived an automobile accident and was inside a car that was hit by a train. Mr. Messer was also asked about what he enjoys doing in his free time. He says he enjoys walks in the woods, taking photos, and people watching. Curt is a very friendly person, and has many friends around the community. He is kind, welcoming, and talkative toward anyone and everyone he meets. After talking to him you feel like you've gained a new friend, even if you had just met him.

Curt Messer, we salute you!



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