

## BIO: Betsy McLaughlin Moll

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Betsy McLaughlin Moll graduated from Greensburg Community High School with the Class of 1961. She has two degrees in music education from the School of Music at Indiana University. In 1967, Betsy received a grant to study in Budapest, Hungary, at the famous Franz Liszt Music Academy, where she was the very first American citizen to receive a Student Visa to study behind the Iron Curtain in Hungary since World War II. Betsy says that those two years living in a completely different culture and learning to speak another language, changed her life and opened her heart and mind to a world beyond her greatest expectations.

After returning to the United States, Betsy married and moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she taught music in several pre-schools and in the Mt. Lebanon Public Schools. Later, she became a professor of music at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, where she taught classes in music theory and music education for thirty years. Betsy also taught as Guest Faculty at Indiana University in 2000-2001. She has been invited to teach music courses and lecture throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe.

In 2014, she was awarded the *Pro Cultura Hungarica* prize in Budapest, which is Hungary's highest award in the arts for foreigners. She also has received the *Outstanding Educator Award*, as well as the *Lifetime Achievement Award* by the national Organization of American Kodály Educators. She was founding member of several international music organizations, and founding Editor of the *Kodály Envoy*, national journal of the Organization of American Kodály Educators, and also served as its President.

After her retirement, Betsy decided to complete the circle and come home to Greensburg to live, where she says Greensburg has always been "home." She has three grown children, seven grandchildren, and friends all over the world!

Richard C Reed- Greensburg High School Class of 1954

Richard was formally educated and graduated from Culver Military Academy in 1949, and then from Greensburg High School in 1954. He received a B.S. in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University in 1958, where he was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. However, he considers his most valuable education to come from the wealth of knowledge awarded to him from his grandparents and parents.

During the 1960s, the Agriculture industry changed in a big way, a new flood of technologies, including herbicides, pesticides, and insecticides became available to allow farmers to expand their operations and increase their productivity. For instance, today's American farmer feeds about 155 people worldwide, in 1960 that number was only 25.

Kova was founded in 1935 by Nick Reed—Richard's father. By the 1960s, Kova already had a presence in the Agriculture industry and this allowed Richard to expand the company to make these new technologies available to the farmer. Kova later grew, under Richard's leadership, to encompass several companies in order to offer a wide variety of agricultural services, in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois including: Crop Fertility Specialist, Heartland Ag, Next Generation, Kova of Ohio, Agri-Business Finance, and Fields of Vision.

Kova has grown to be listed in the *Top 100 Ag Retailers* in the U.S. This success was only accomplished because of many loyal and qualified employees, thousands of farm families throughout Indiana that allowed us to be a part of their business, and numerous world-class companies, such as, Shell, DuPont, Dow, Ciba Geigy, and Monsanto that allowed us to be a part of this new industry.

Despite Kova's success, Richard's biggest accomplishment is with his wife Louise of 58 years in raising three sons, who now run the business, and mentoring six (and that number is growing) grandchildren now involved in the family business as well.

It is this accomplishment that was the motivator for the growth of Kova, with the goal, of passing on the values, family history, family and business philosophy through now four generations.

Both business and personal accomplishments have allowed Richard to give back to the community and the industry in which he has been recognized through the receipt of many awards from state and national associations, as well as, through contributions to the Decatur County Memorial Hospital, 4-H, YMCA, local youth groups, churches and schools.

Richard has also served on the Decatur County 4-H board, DuPont Ag Chem advisory board, the Farm Chem/ PACE advisory council, the Greensburg Methodist Church investment committee, as well as being the President and Co-Founder of the Indiana Plant Food Association, and President of the B.P.O.E. Lodge #475.

He was also active in the community as a member of the Lion's Club, Greensburg Country Club, and a 32<sup>nd</sup> ° Mason.

***The Reed family is like the branches of a tree. We may grow in different directions yet our roots remain as one in Decatur County.***

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