



## Robert W. Shauver

Robert Shauver was born on October 17, 1941 in Salamonia in rural Jay County, Indiana. He attended Madison Township High School, graduating in 1959. He graduated from Ball State with a B.S. in Music Education in 1963 and a M.A. in 1972. Bob retired in 2003 after a teaching career of 40 years with the last 38 as Director of Bands and Music Supervisor for the New Castle Community School Corporation.

Mr. Shauver's concert bands consistently received superior ratings at ISSMA contests and the Wind Ensemble participated in the first ISSMA state concert band finals contest. The Trojan Marching Band has gained many honors including two State Fair Championships and numerous appearances at ISSMA State Finals including a 4<sup>th</sup> place Class A finish in 1979. Under his direction the Trojan Marching Band has appeared in many prestigious parades including Macy's, Gimbels, the National Cherry Blossom Festival, Disney World, Ft. Myers Edison Pageant of Light, and the Indianapolis 500 Festival Parade. Half-time performances by the band included two Indianapolis Colts games and Band Days at Purdue and Ball State Universities. The band also performed as a pep band at an Indianapolis Pacers game.

Mr. Shauver has guest conducted several Indiana county Music Festivals and has guest conducted the Indiana Bandmasters Association All-Regional Junior High Band 5 times. He is a well-known adjudicator for concert band, marching band, and solo-ensemble contests in Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio. Now in retirement he finds time to play in two area community concert bands.

Active memberships by Mr. Shauver include the Indiana Music Educators Association, Music Educators National Conference, Phi Beta Mu, National Band Association, Indiana Bandmasters Association and the Indiana State School Music Association. He served on the ISSMA State Board for 13 years including the period when the Northern and Southern Associations merged to form the current Association.

Honors bestowed on Mr. Shauver include: John Phillip Sousa Award in High School in 1959; John Phillip Sousa Award for BSU in 1961; New Castle Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 1982; Outstanding Music Alumnus of Ball State in 1991; Phi Beta Mu Outstanding Bandmaster in 1993; Art Citizen of the Year for Raintree County Arts Council (Henry County) in 1994; Sagamore of the Wabash from in 2003; and induction into the Phi Beta Mu Hall of Fame in 2011.

A number of Mr. Shauver's students have gone on become outstanding band directors including Jon Sutton, Tom Dean, Jim Butz, Don Lain, Bill Pritchett, Kevin Klee, Tom Cox, Tim Johnston, and Mark Middleton. Members of his 1974 State Fair Champion Band were 'instrumental' in helping him receive the Sagamore of the Wabash from Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon. Over 60 members of that band came from around the world to take part in that presentation.