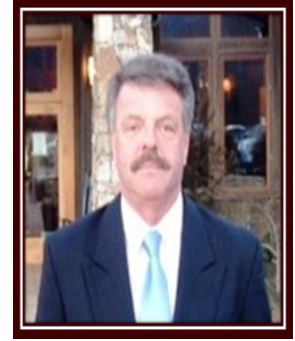


STEVE MARTIN

Steve Martin grew up in the Faulconerville area of Amherst County, and readily states that he engaged in the usual childhood activities, but was not a gifted athlete. He enjoyed following sports on television, especially professional football. As a student at Amherst County High School in the early 1970s, he was a member of the wrestling team, under Hall of Fame Coach John Seal.



He was, however, a strong supporter of the school's athletic program, an interest that he has fostered for many years following graduation in 1972. Owner of Martin's Paint and Body Shop, almost in sight of his alma mater, he has supported the sports program with humility and generosity as his way of giving back to the community that has enabled him to thrive in his many years in business.

He and his wife, Jerry, not only attend many athletic events at ACHS, but they also provide for the teams in many other tangible ways. He has donated money to provide championship rings for the teams, he advertises in the programs and yearbooks, and displays banners on the field. They especially enjoy following the team when it plays out-of-town, most notably the playoff games. Their fondest memories revolve around the championship seasons.

Martin's antique convertibles are used to present the court at halftime of the annual homecoming game, and the cheerleaders throw commemorative footballs as souvenirs for the crowd to elevate the excitement level among the fans.

Probably the most personal aspect of his contributions to the players comes in the form of the pre-game meals he has provided for the football team before each home game. He has contributed this service for more than fifteen years. The baseball team is also a beneficiary, with an annual lunch at Briar Patch Restaurant in its honor.

Martin is grateful to all the people in the community who have supported his business for many years, enabling him to provide these extra benefits for the ACHS athletes. As he takes his daily walk from his workplace, along the sidewalk past ACHS, he recalls many of the memories he has enjoyed in following and supporting the Lancer athletic program.

Steve Thaxton Martin – August 7, 1954

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Amherst County High School: Class of 1972, wrestling team
- Lancer sports: Support (yearbook, game programs, field banner, footballs, cars); Meals (football, baseball)