The 2016 Illinois Rural Letter Carriers’ Association Member of the Year

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 It is my honor to announce the 2016 Illinois Rural Letter Carriers’ Association Member of the Year, but first a little background. This person was hired by the Postal Service in 1989 and within a few years, as an RCA joined out association. This person then became the local steward in their office where they still serve today, 26 years later.

 This member has through the years served us in positions such as the DSJC and QWL. They have served as a county officer for 26 years as either Secretary Treasurer or President. This person has attended our National Conventions for over 20 years.

 This person attends nearly every event for our association and they are ALWAYS a vocal participant in those proceedings. They have filled in helping with PAC or at any time when a helping hand has been needed.

 Though her many life experiences she has helped guide our association and in one particular situation saved our association from great embarrassment and financial hardship.

 She considers US as her family. She always tries to look out for our best interests and has gone above and beyond ANY call of duty because we are her family!

 It is my honor to announce the 2016 Illinois Rural Letter Carriers’ Association Member of the Year, Patricia Hurley!

 While I have Patti up here I have a short story to tell. What many of you do not know is that a few years ago, at an association event, Patti had bought a cake to honor two other association members who were celebrating their wedding anniversary.

 After she dropped the cake off at the event for these people, her family, she went to a local hospital where she was diagnosed with a broken hip. It turns out that when she had gone to the store to pick-up the cake, she had slipped and fallen. You see, her FIRST mission was to deliver that cake to her family, then worry about herself!

 THAT IS PATTI HURLEY!