

2009 Hall of Fame Honoree

Frederick W. Singer, Sr.
Class of 1954



Fred Singer's dedication to his Vestal community was equalled only by that to his family. A veteran of the Vestal Fire Department for 40-plus years, Mr. Singer obtained the rank of Department Chief by the time he retired.

His contributions to the Vestal Fire Department and to statewide fire fighting safety and training initiatives were outstanding. During his lifetime, his titles were impressive: New York State Fire Instructor, Director of the NYS Association of Fire Chiefs and member of BCC's fire degree course advisory board. However, his achievements to the fields of fire safety and training were monumentally important to every fire fighter in the state. After his retirement from the Vestal Fire Department, Mr. Singer went on to initiate, develop and implement a fire training bureau, and he also instituted an air-testing program for self-contained breathing apparatus. The VFD training facility near Pumphouse Road in Vestal is named in honor of Fred Singer.

Voted the Vestal Jaycees' Man of the Year in 1968, Mr. Singer's dedication to the Vestal community was lauded.

Sadly, he passed away in 1997, but is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Elizabeth, and children, Constance, Christine, Kathryn, Teresa and Frederick Singer, Jr., as well as grandchildren Sarah, Christopher, Emily, Peter, Joseph and Katy.