

Hurshel Teague

Hurshel Teague began a long career as a Republican activist at the age of 20 working with his dad, Robert Teague and Pete Bowman, who had decided it was time to get more people registered as Republicans and seeing that they showed up to vote!

Back in the days when the headquarters was in a house in Hiddenite (does anybody here remember this?) Hurshel was helping build the party. One of his first campaigns was when Clayton Teague decided to run for County Commissioner. He won!! The Republicans in Bethlehem were on the move and Hurshel & Dot were working hard to grow the party.

In 1972 the Republican Party had grown in N.C. and there was primary between Jim Holshouser and Jim Gardner for Governor. Hurshel was Chairman of the Alexander County Holshouser campaign. He believed the man from Boone was the right person and worked hard to elect Holshouser as the first Republican Governor in 100 years. Hurshel & Dot worked on many campaigns for Congressman Jim Broyhill.

In 1978, Hurshel began a four year term as Alexander County Commissioner. He came into the office during a bad financial situation in the county but with his strong business and financial skills, he and his fellow commissioners were able to put the county on the right track.

During the years of 1978 - 1982, Hurshel served on a number of boards and committees. He serves as Chairman of CETA(WPCOG) and Economic Development (WPCOG), Alexander County Board of Health, and Alexander County Dept. of Social Services Board. He led in forming the Hwy 16 South Water District and the Bethlehem Water District which have been major assets in the growth of Alexander County.

In the years following his service on the Board of Commissioners, he has continued to serve his community, his church, and the Republican Party as a co-owner and founder of Clayton Marcus Furniture Company. He brought many jobs to Bethlehem and improved the lives of many families.

He has been an active member of the Bethlehem Development Association and worked on the committee to develop and provide water service to Bethlehem and in turn now serves a larger area of the county. Hurshel & Dot are faithful members of Fellowship Advent Christian Church. Hurshel has served on many committees for the Alexander County Republican Party including Finance, Building, Campaign, and Candidate Recruitment. He has served as Assistant to the Treasurer and chair of the annual fundraiser for many years.

Even though Hurshel was stricken with Polio when he was young, it has never stopped him from tackling the tough jobs and being a force to be reckoned with.

Thanks Hurshel!!! This party would not be where we are today without people like you!!!