

# 2002 Joseph G. Rogers Award

**For dedication, accomplishment, and excellence in  
YMCA Competitive Swimming and Diving**



## **Don Varner**

Don Varner has been a volunteer official for over 25 years for YMCA competitive swimming and diving. He has officiated at the local, regional and national YMCA levels during this time.

Don has been a YMCA clinic instructor for 26 years and has trained hundreds of YMCA officials nationwide. He coordinated and implemented the home test for a short time during a transitional period of developing the YMCA Training Program for our officials. He served on the first faculty program.

Don has been on the National YMCA Advisory Committee for 22 years and has been Director of Officials for 13 years.

He has served on the Middle Atlantic (PA) East Field-South committee since 1978.

From 1989 until 2000, Don maintained national age group records and East Field-South records. Also during these years, he maintained the Top 16 national age group rankings.

Don was the recipient of the Conrad "Connie" Carroll award in 1989.

Don has served as the YMCA representative on the USA Swim Rules Committee for the past 11 years.

He continues to serve as a local high school official. He is also a certified NCAA collegiate official and has officiated at the NCAA national championship meet.

Don (better known as "Donnie" to his sons-in-law) resides in Johnstown, PA with his wife of 47 years, Barb. He has two daughters, Debbie and Sherri, head coach of the Greater Johnstown YMCA swim team and five grandsons - two of which are YMCA swimmers. He is retired from the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. (A&P), where he worked for 40 years as district and store manager.

Don has many outside interests, which include boating, camping yard working and golfing. He is a member and treasurer of his local B.A.S.S. fishing club.