

DANNY HUTCHERSON HONORED

WITH FULLER AWARD BY AL/MS SECTION

This year's George Warren Fuller Award went to Danny Hutcherson, someone who is known as a real professional. In fact, he has brought professionalism to our association through his outstanding leadership. Danny's diligence has helped establish the goals and vision of AWWA here in Alabama and Mississippi. His dedication to the Alabama/Mississippi Section of the American Water Works Association is apparent when you review the list of program chairs for the various committees of past section meetings.

Danny is seen by the people that know him as a man of integrity. And rightfully so, as he learned at a very early age he was a lousy liar!! (We're certain he can remember the stories he told his mom about what happened to the boot he kicked off into a pond.)

His association with our Section began with his elementary and junior college education in Mississippi and his higher collegiate pursuit in Alabama. While courting his wife-to-be in high school, he was forbidden by his parents to drive further than a nearby town, but Joanie lived on the other side of the county and, in order not to get in trouble, he would disconnect the odometer so the mileage wouldn't reflect his forbidden journey (his Dad knew all along what he was doing).

After graduating from college, Danny went to work for the Mississippi State Department of Health as an inspector. Two years later he entered our field by taking a position with the State's Division of Water Supply. There he worked for Jim McDonald who was a profound influence and mentor. At that time he also began



Andrew Richardson, AWWA President, congratulates Danny Hutcherson on becoming the AL/MS Section's newest George Warren Fuller Awardee.

working with many individuals associated with this AWWA Section. Soon Danny became your Section's Chair and, although he has never been elected to the highest office in the United States, some folks still think he bears a remarkable resemblance to 'Slick Willy'.

He married his high school sweetheart in 1976 and in 1980 the family moved to Columbus, MS, where Danny taught certification for rural water system operators for 5 years at the Golden Triangle Vocational-Technical Center. In 1985, he joined the Hach Company as a salesman. His career progression at Hach has taken him to the position of Director of Sales Training.

Danny is a devoted father and family man. He and wife Joanie have been married for 29 years, having 3 children together: Stephen, 26; Meredith, 17; and Adam, who they lost at the age of 7 ½. They live in the Preston, MS community and are members of the Coy United Methodist Church.



Family members surprise new Fuller Award winner! Left to right: future daughter-in-law Tara Ryals, son Stephen, Danny, wife Joanie, and daughter Meredith.