

2011 Coal Man of the Year:

ELMER HOWARD

Elmer Howard began his mining career in August 1972 at Martin County Coal Corporation as a night shift supply clerk. Over the years he has served the mining industry by being employed as an Electrician, Chief Electrician, Section Foreman, Company Mine Inspector, Safety Coordinator, Safety Director, Director of Human Resources, and Assistant General Manager. While working full time Elmer earned both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Morehead State University.

Elmer has also served the mining industry as President of Kentucky Mining Institute, President of Big Sandy Mining Institute, Member of the board of directors of Kentucky Mining institute, and Member of the board of directors of Coal Operators and Associates.

Elmer retired in 2010 and is enjoying his retirement with his wife of thirty-seven years, Jean, who he attributes to all of his life time accomplishments by her dearest support.