



Charles "Buck" Jankey

Charles "Buck" Jankey graduated from Fort Hill High School, Class of 1958. After graduation, he entered the United States Army. While in the Army, he completed a tour of duty overseas. Upon returning to the States he was stationed at Fort Lee, Virginia. After he was discharged, Buck came home to Cumberland and went to work at the Kelly Springfield Tire Company. He retired from the Kelly following a back injury. This gave him time to give back to his alma mater.

Buck became scorekeeper for the Fort Hill basketball team. He worked alongside Coaches Rick Harris, Glenn Rice, Todd Eirich, and Dave Hobel. After basketball season ended, he kept score for Coach Tommy Merritt and the baseball team. After helping the boys' teams for so many years, he decided to help Coach Mike Bittiner with the girls softball team.

Buck has touched the lives of many young people throughout the many years he has devoted to helping Fort Hill athletics. A lot of his players still stop by to see him and to just say, "Hi".

Buck has been an active member of the Fort Hill F Club since 1970 for which he has served as Vice President and Treasurer. The office he loved most was the Program Chairperson. All the businesses in Cumberland know Buck through this position.

If any team had a tournament or a clinic and they needed a shirt, Buck was their go-to-guy because he always made sponsorships happen through his connections and commitment to Fort Hill.

Beginning every year on August 15th, Buck can be found on Penhurst Avenue or at the top of the 52 steps watching Fort Hill football practice. He goes every day showing his loyal support for Coach Todd Appel, his staff, and the many players who have represented Fort Hill.

Buck attends every home football game and sells programs on behalf of the F Club. He loves to watch his Sentinels.

Buck is married to Fort Hill Class of 1964 alum, Martha (Bender) Jankey. They have two children, Carrie Sue (Jankey) McCary, Fort Hill Class of 1988; and John Jankey, Fort Hill Class of 1991; and five grandchildren, two of whom are Fort Hill graduates. Buck is proud of Fort Hill, its traditions, and most of all, proud to be a Sentinel.