

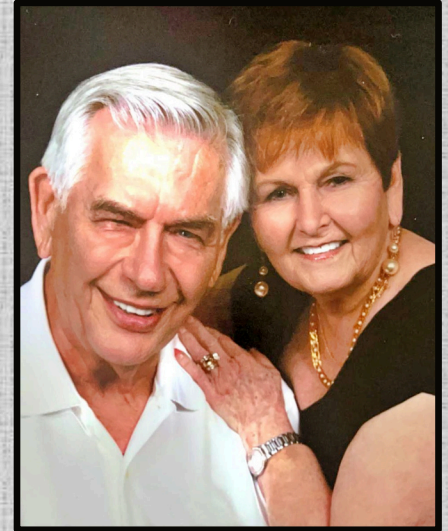
2025 Tri-Club Honorees

James & Delane Morell

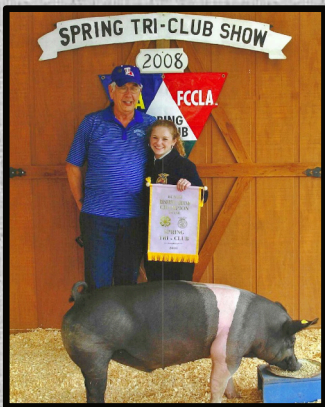
James and Delane were both born and raised in Houston. The couple met at Sam Houston High School where Delane was a member of the band and James was a star baseball player.

James and Delane were married shortly after Delane graduated and have been married for 67 years. The happy couple raised three children – Sharron, Cherlynn and Jim. Their family currently consists of 7 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

James had an interesting career path including starting in the mailroom of the Federal Reserve and then working in the Auditing Department where one of his duties was to literally burn money. He worked at Channelview Bank and Woodforest Bank and continued into Residential Lot Development in 1991 until he retired in 2005. Delane's career was pretty interesting as well. She worked for Spring ISD and then at Region 4 Education Service Center where she taught Driver's Education. Delane retired in 2000 and then later worked an additional three years.



James and Delane are enjoying their retirement with a variety of hobbies. Delane enjoys sewing, embroidery, quilting, reading and being a part of a book club. James shared that his hobby is volunteering. He is part of a group of men at Spring Baptist Church that call themselves the Old Geezers. They volunteer every Thursday and help with small projects and repairs for the Academy at the Church and help cook for the Fall Festival. He has also volunteered on the Boards of Harris County MUD #99 and the Spring Emergency Service District #7.



James and Delane first became involved in Tri-Club when their granddaughter Taylor Morell Stuart joined Spring 4-H in 3rd grade. Over the period of 24 years, they have not only supported their other granddaughter Morgan Morell Luna and their great-grandchildren Regan and Chance Greer but countless exhibitors by purchasing projects in the Live and Silent Auction. Delane is especially partial to Arts & Crafts projects and has had many bidding wars with her son, Jim. It's not clear if Jim runs the bids up to mess with his Mom or to get more money for the student, but regardless the exhibitor wins in the end! Taylor shares, "I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to my grandparents for their unwavering support throughout the years. Your dedication to the Spring Tri-Club Show and to me personally has meant the world and

has helped me get to where I am today. Your love and encouragement and teaching me to lean on my faith have helped me grow in ways I never imagined. Thank you for everything you've done—your kindness and generosity continue to inspire me every day. I am so fortunate to have you in my life!" Morgan also wanted to share, "I just wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of both me and Spring Tri Club. Your generosity and encouragement mean the world to me, and I'm so grateful for everything you do. Knowing I have you both cheering me on makes all the hard work feel even more worthwhile. Thank you for always being there for me!"



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James and Delane also support Tri-Club as a consistent annual award sponsor. James has also used his financial background to help with the financials of Tri-Club with advice on financial reviews and using software to help streamline tax preparation. The Morell's are also annual supporters of the Dirty Dozen Buyers Group.

Christy says, "For as long as I can remember my grandparents have always been involved in all of our extra-curricular activities, spending countless hours on bleachers and traveling in the car to spend a few minutes watching their grandchildren doing their thing, and there have been a lot of things! No matter if it was a bunch of 5 year olds chasing the same ball all around the diamond, a 16 hour drive in June, to Albuquerque, with no air conditioning, to watch 3 endless days of volleyball, or wait all day to watch a young lady perform a 3 minute dance on a stage when she has already rehearsed it for them more times than they could count, they have been there for all of us."



Regarding Mr. and Mrs. Morell's impact on the show and its students, Christy shares "The Spring Livestock Show is a little different in that we have had the pleasure of sharing our amazing grandparents with all of the exhibitors over the years. When you stop and think how many alumni have been touched by their generosity you can't help to feel proud; proud of the example that they have set for all of us. They give back to this organization year after year and have been able to help countless exhibitors with projects and future goals."

When asked why they continue to attend the Spring Livestock Show & Fair's annual auction, James shares that "God has been good to them, and they want to do good things." When talking with Mr. and Mrs. Morell other things they do or donate within the Spring community were mentioned but were asked to remain confidential. That confidence will be kept but know that there are many families who benefit from their anonymous contributions, and they are definitely "doing good things."

Christy says, "My grandparents don't ever want anyone to make a fuss over them, or all of the blessings that they have shared with others, but I think that they deserve all the fuss!! Granny and Papa, you are so appreciated!! We love you and are blessed to be

your favorite grandchildren!" When told of their honoree designation, Mr. and Mrs. Morell were surprised and humbled. The members of Spring Tri-Club are grateful they agreed to accept the honor of the 2025 Spring Tri-Club Honorees.

