



Gary R. Auvil
Commercial Underwriter

It all started at home, naturally, but the environment there was insurance. My Dad, Kermit Auvil, was a claims adjuster when I was growing up and I always admired the way he was able to help people. That's what I wanted to do.

Less than one month after college graduation, I was fortunate to get a job in June of 1972 with Mutual Fire Insurance Company in Clarksburg as a trainee. Their training program was very comprehensive and included all areas of the company business. In 1973, Mutual Fire took over the management of Harrison County Farmers Mutual and I was asked to become the Secretary of the company, a position I held for 18 years. Later, Celina Group took over the failing Mutual Fire and they opened a brokerage facility, First Insurance Mart, offering non standard auto and hard to place risks which I operated in conjunction with the Harrison County Farmer Mutual until 1988. At that time, Celina Group closed First Insurance Mart and I became a commercial underwriter with WV Fire and Casualty, a Celina Group company. I look back on those years of such broad exposure with tremendous affection and consider them the best training I could possibly have received.

In August of 1990, Conn Johnson approached me about a commercial underwriting position with Farmers Mutual Insurance Company. The position was to be new and to include the creation of commercial lines of business for the company along with the claims manager's position until it was filled in December of 1990. The rest, they say, is history.

I am married to Ellen Marie Auvil, originally from Smithville, WV and we have 5 grown children and 2 grandchildren. We live in Quiet Dell, WV where we enjoy working in our garden and camping. We attend Quiet Dell United Methodist Church where I am a Sunday School teacher and Chairman of our Administrative Council.

I have enjoyed my time at Farmers Mutual, watching it evolve from a small farm mutual to a \$10,000,000 company at its zenith. Today, I am proud to be part of a close-knit, sleek and lean organization offering commercial lines of coverage to West Virginia agents, some I have known for over 30 years and consider my friends. I am blessed.