

Lyons Falls ALIVE Community Service Award for 2026



September 18th at the Lyons Falls Food Truck Friday Event, Shela Luther was the recipient of the Lyons Falls ALIVE Community Service Award. Since 2007, Lyons Falls ALIVE has honored an exceptional community member each year with its Community Service Award. In the photo left to right is Melissa Griffin, Kermit Luther, Shela Luther, Marilyn Armstrong, and Mindon Luther.

Shela is a remarkable person and an outstanding member of our community. On August 15, 1954, she married the love of her life, Nelson Luther. Together, they raised six children: Mindon (Jane), Marilyn (Raymond) Armfield, Barry (Patty), Sherry (Peter) Mathis, Kermit (Neni) and Kevin.

Shela is a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother whose devotion to family has remained at the heart of her life.

Over the years, Shela enjoyed many hobbies, especially bowling in Lyons Falls and Boonville and crocheting. She generously donated her crocheted creations to local organizations and shared them as gifts with family and friends.

Shela also served her community through her work. She was a substitute at the Post Office and later worked for Roy Hammecker at the Falls Pharmacy until her retirement.

An active member of Forest Presbyterian Church, Shela was among the first volunteers with Forest Finds.

She is especially well known for her baked beans, which she has donated to church bake sales, community benefits, and nonprofit fundraisers throughout the area.

When Nelson coached Little League, Shela became a second mother to the team, offering the same warmth and encouragement she gave so freely to others.

For many years, and still does, Shela also cared for elderly members of the community, sitting with them and providing companionship and support. Her life has been defined by the time, love, and kindness she has given to her family and community.

Lyons Falls and Lewis County are deeply grateful to celebrate Shela and the many lives she has touched.