

This years' Carrier of the Year has been an Illinois Rural Carrier for over 25 years. They must have started as an infant because they still look young!

They have served us in many capacities over the years; an excellent Academy Trainer, Facilitator and DJSC member. Always pushing and striving for equality, knowledge and fair treatment for all Rural Carriers. As a Delegate to State and National Conventions for almost 15 years, this individual has represented all of us with intelligence, dedication and perseverance. Traits that are needed when serving all of us!

Speaking of serving...this individual has served as a Local Steward and currently is President of their county unit. This individual has also served on your State Board for many years as Southern Committeeman, Illinois National General Insurance representative and several terms as your State Chaplain. She is currently serving on the Finance Committee; another service job that takes dedication and perseverance. She does not allow personal feelings to get in the way of doing a great job. Anyone who has ever served this organization knows you better NOT have thin skin nor have your feelings hurt because of a disagreement. She ALWAYS puts the job first and her needs last. We call her "the little bulldog" because she never gives up and never lets go!

She is super creative; always coming up with new and interesting ways to entertain and enrich our lives...from decorations at meetings to forced singing and dancing by other carriers.

She is a loving, caring and devoted Mother, sister and friend. Most importantly for this honor as an Illinois Rural Letter Carrier of the Year, she is one smart cookie! May I present..... Christina Finley.