

# Larry Lee May



Larry Lee May was born March 1, 1945 in Kingwood, West Virginia. Instilled with a keen interest in the outdoors, he attended and graduated from WVU, earning a degree in Forest Management in 1966. After his graduation he served with the U.S. Army Reserves. In 1971, Larry married Elaine Wilson and had two children, Emily and David Scott May. After marrying, Larry went to work with the WV Division of Forestry as a service forester providing assistance to landowners in Grant, Hardy and Pendleton Counties. As a service forester he was an early promoter of best management practices (BMPs) for timber harvesting and sustainable forest management. During his time as a service forester, May started his own company, May Tree Enterprises, LLC, and began planting Christmas trees on his farm in Grant County. He worked for the WVDOP until the mid 1970s, when he took work at Kessel Lumber Company. For the 20 years he worked at Kessel, May continued to promote sustainable forest management and grow his own Christmas tree operation.