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# *Spirit of America Award*

AWARDED TO  
**Dana and Gail Parker**

Some of the greatest citizens to live in Farmingdale. You will not find them in a history book. Not even in a book about Maine. Yet almost everyone that has ever met Dana and Gail will always remember them. Why? It's because of their Spirit. Their spirit symbolizes what it means to be American. They have lived in Farmingdale for 50 years. During that time they have committed their time and spirit to the community. Gail worked for over 40 years at the polls. If you have voted in the last 5 to 35 years, you have met Gail. She's the one that was smiling when you came in the door and asked your name. Gail also served for quite a few years as a planning board member. During that time Dana served on the sewer committee. They went to every game, concert, and parade for every kid they knew! They give to all the kid's fund raisers if they knocked on the door. And Halloween was a huge deal too! If you or your kids have Trick or Treated in Hayford Heights, you know. Gail would take pictures of the kids she knew and she counted every kid that came to the door. They had many activities and interests in the surrounding area as well. Dana has been an active member as well as commander of the American Legion in Hallowell. Gail was an active participant and fundraiser for the Maine Children's Home. They volunteered for and sponsored lots of activities involving their kids and grandkids. They volunteered multiple years in a row at the Trek Across Maine. Dana and Gail volunteered for over 15 years for Meals on Wheels delivering meals at least once a week. Sometimes more when other drivers need help. The spirit of America lives strong in Dana and Gail. We hope that you have had a chance to share this spirit. Farmingdale is proud to call them ours.

