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Realtor recognized for 50 years in industry

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Marilyn McLane, during Monday's Heart of Kentucky Association of Realtors meeting, was recognized for 50 years in the real estate business.

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Marilyn McLane has been in the real estate business for 50 years and was recognized for the feat Monday during the Heart of Kentucky Association of Realtors' luncheon held at American Legion Hardin Post 113 in Elizabethtown.

Marilyn and her husband, Hardin McLane, together have accrued a total of 112 years in the real estate business.

"We've been active the whole time," Marilyn said. "We just like what we do."

The two, who have been married 62 years, met while attending Western Kentucky University. Eventually they moved to Elizabethtown when Hardin became head basketball coach at Elizabethtown Catholic High School. He was a teacher and coach for 12 years and would sell real estate during the summer.

"He realized he was making more money in the summer selling real estate than he was teaching school," Marilyn said.

In 1971, Hardin formed his own real estate company and Marilyn got her real estate license. Their company was eventually purchased by Coldwell Banker McMahan and both McLanes, who are 87 and 84, continue to work there.

When Marilyn was presented with a plaque and acknowledged for her years in the industry on Monday, her fellow Realtors gave her a standing ovation.

“I love working with each one of you,” she said to the room. “Thank you so much and I look forward to a few more years.”

Marilyn said real estate has been good to them.

Heart of Kentucky Association of Realtors President Mike Thomas called the couple “the example.”

“We certainly appreciate you. It is a pleasure to work with you all,” he said.

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