

## Memorial Scroll Ed Heidecker



**Ed Heidecker was born in 1911 in Middle Lake, Saskatchewan, in his family's log house.**

He was the youngest of five children. Ed completed

his Grade 8 education in a one-room school house in the countryside near Middle Lake, which was considered quite an accomplishment in his day. After Grade 8, he got involved with the family farm. In 1937, Ed married Lena Hoeflicher and the two of them were blessed with three children - Ethel, Diane and Barry. Ed took over the family farm in 1937.

Ed was an active member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, which was located just a half mile from the farm. He was involved in the construction of a new church building and the amalgamation with another congregation, to form

Faith Lutheran Church within Middle Lake. Ed helped establish the senior home - Bethany Pioneer Village, the local phone lines and was an active member of the road plow work group to clear roads in the winter. Ed also helped to establish the 4-H Beef and Grain Clubs in Middle Lake.

In 1946, Ed dispersed his family's commercial cattle herd and continued to expand their purebred Hereford herd, and their grain farming operation. He involved his family in all aspects of the Hereford business from calving, to breeding to showing and their production sales.

In April of 1963, at their production sale, Ed sold a half-interest in a bull for \$6,500 making it the highest valued bull in Canada at the time. Ed promoted the breed throughout Saskatchewan and in July 1963, Ed and Lena were featured on the cover of the Canadian Hereford Digest.

In 1964, Ed and his family had the first Polled Grand Champion Bull at the Regina show. There were

441 Herefords entered. In the same year, their now incorporated Triple H Farm production sale gross ranked second in the country.

Ed had many cattle imported from and exported to the USA. In 1951, he sold a bull to Ed Lewis in Dilwyn, England. Ed and Lena hosted delegations from Spain, Russia and Australia over the years.

The herd was dispersed in 1977 and Ed and Lena semi-retired and moved off the farm into town in 1978.

Sadly, Ed passed away on May 2nd, 1993. The Hereford breed lost a great ambassador of the breed that day. It is with great honour that the Canadian Hereford Association inducts Ed Heidecker into its Memorial Scroll

