



Honour Roll Kurt Gilmore

The Canadian Hereford Association congratulates Mr. Kurt W. Gilmore, for his induction into the 2013 Honour Roll. Kurt was born March 4th, 1949, in Lincoln, Nebraska to Keith and Betty Jo Gilmore. He lived on a farm in Callaway, Nebraska until 1956, when they moved to Calgary, Alberta so that his father, Keith Gilmore, could assume the management of the Canadian Hereford Digest. In 1961, Keith purchased the Hereford Digest.

Kurt completed grades one through 12 in Calgary, graduating from Ernest Manning High School in 1967. He then attended Washington State University from 1967 to 1971, where he earned a B.Sc. in Animal Science with minors in Chemistry and English.

Kurt was a competitive swimmer from 1962 to 1969, swimming on Canada's National Team in 1967. This earned him an Athletic Scholarship to Washington State University (WSU) that same year.

During his time at WSU, Kurt taught Beef Performance and Showmanship for two years in 1970 and 1971. He graduated as "Outstanding Senior in Agriculture". He was President of the WSU Lariat Club and worked in a slaughter house. Kurt was on the livestock judging team in 1970 and 1971.

Upon returning to Canada, Kurt served as Field Representative for the Canadian Hereford Digest from 1970 to 2008. It was in 1980, that Kurt purchased the national magazine from his father, Keith. Throughout his years with the Digest, Kurt announced at major shows and sales

throughout Canada for more than 30 years. These events included the Calgary Bull Sale, Canadian Western Agribition sales, the Edmonton Bull Sale, the Medicine Hat Bull Sale and the Maple Creek Bull Sale, to name a few. They also include National Hereford Shows such as Agribition, Farmfair International and once at the Royal Winter Fair.

Kurt assisted in the organization of tours, field days, shows, sales and junior events for 35 years, principally in Alberta and British Columbia but occasionally in Saskatchewan and other provinces. He was also a sponsor at the Canadian Junior Hereford Bonanzas across Canada for more than 30 years.

He served as "Family Advisor" to the Keith Gilmore Foundation from 1987 to 2009, at which time he was appointed as one of the trustees.

Kurt served two years on the Planning Committee for the 1998 National Hereford Show in Edmonton at Farmfair and also on the Planning Committee for 2012 World Hereford Conference. Kurt has attended shows, sales, junior events and field days in every province in Canada except Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

On the international front, he travelled to many US states for some 30 years to assist with Hereford sales and shows, including 20 years at the National Western Stock Show in Denver. Most of these events were to promote the efforts of US buyers of Canadian Hereford genetics.

Kurt married Maxine in 2002. They have four children - Julie (Gilmore) Smith, Jeanie (Gilmore) Colling,

Kevin Gilmore and Kevin Williams, as well as six grandchildren. Kurt has served as a swimming instructor for the Kiwanis Club in Calgary for two years at its summer camp. He also served two years on the Agriculture Building Design Committee for the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede. The Alberta Hereford Association inducted Kurt into its Hall of Fame in 2010. Kurt was also honoured by the Alberta Cattle Breeders for Meritorious Service to the Calgary Bull Sale in 2009 and he was recognized that same year, for his long service to the Williams Lake Bull Sale.

For 39 years, Kurt traveled throughout Canada promoting Hereford cattle, making hundreds of friends among the breeders. Sales of Canadian-bred cattle also took him to many events in the U.S. and in 1991 he represented Canada and the U.S. as a guest of the South African Government which produced a pictorial and written documentary promoting the 1992 World Hereford Conference in that country. Kurt has had a long association with the Hereford Industry in North America and in many parts of the world. He is a respected cattleman and is known as one of the Hereford breeds greatest enthusiast, promoters and supporters.

Following the sale of the Canadian Hereford Digest to the Canadian Hereford Association in 2009, Kurt has embarked on a new career in real estate sales.

