

Honour Roll David & Carol Guilford



The Canadian Hereford Association congratulates David and Carol Guilford on their induction into the Canadian Hereford Association Honour Roll.

The Guilford family farm was started by Dave's grandpa, John, in 1903 after he immigrated to Canada from England in 1902. He bought his first Hereford heifers in 1925, starting the tradition of raising Hereford cattle. Frank, Dave's dad, returned home to farm with John and continue raising Herefords after graduating with a diploma in Agriculture in Winnipeg. Kae, Dave's mother, was a long time supporter of the Manitoba Hereford Association Ladies Group.

Dave was born in Winnipeg in 1945 and at the early age of seven became a 4-H member. Dave and his dad selected a nice quiet heifer, Patience Ford 2P, for him to show. This heifer would be the start of a lifelong career raising Herefords. Dave graduated grade 12 from Pilot Mound in 1963 and then went on to U of M and graduated with a degree in Social Ability after one year. Dave married Carol Mae Guilford (Olson) on April 13, 1968. Carol helped with calving, organizing and was involved in the MHA ladies association. Their two children are Cynthia Dawn Mayo (Bart) and Rodney John (Kristi) and they have six grandchildren. Both Cynthia and Rod were involved in 4-H for 10 years and enjoyed showing and fitting cattle for sale. Cynthia was the MHA Hereford Queen in 1985 and she served on the National Junior Council. She became a registered nurse and was an energetic caring person who was able to bring out the best in

everyone. Cynthia passed away in July 2016 after a battle with cancer. Rodney graduated from NDSU in Fargo, North Dakota with a degree in Animal Science. He then worked for Purina Mills before returning to the farm to raise Hereford cattle with his parents. Both Dave and Rodney were involved in the Manitoba Hereford Association and served as presidents of the Canadian Hereford Association, Dave in 1992 and Rod in 2002. This allowed Dave and Rod to join a small group of breeders where both father and son have served as presidents of the Canadian Hereford Association.

In 1974, Dave's brother Don joined Frank and Dave in a partnership which continued until 1985 when Dave and Don bought out Frank's share. In 1986, Dave and Don divided the 300 plus cow herd and machinery and formed two separate entities, Guilford Farms Double U Polled Herefords (Dave and Carol) and Guilford Herford Ranch (Don and Diane).

In 2009, Rod with the help of his wife Kristi, started Xports International Inc., a livestock marketing company that exports cattle to other countries in the world. Since then, they have exported over 5000 head of cattle and continue to do consulting work. These new ventures started to take quite a bit of Rod's time so the decision was made to sell a good portion of the farm in 2010 and cut back to about 200 cows, which is where the herd is at present. Rod and Kristi's children now have Hereford cattle of their own and are the 5th generation of Guilford's to raise purebred Hereford cattle.

The Guilford family sponsors the Senior Showmanship class at the local 4-H achievement day and sponsor the Frank Guilford Memorial Trophy for Champion Steer at the Clearwater 4-H club show. Dave and Carol were 4-H leaders for many years and were passionate about encouraging public speaking, meeting management, and character development. Together, Dave and Carol organized and participated in the Dryden, Ontario 4-H exchange trip. They then organized the Dryden 4-H club's trip to their area. Dave

and Carol are members of the St. Paul's Anglican church in Clearwater where Dave has continued to act as the warden for the past 30 years and Carol has been ordained as a Priest. Dave and Carol continue to be active in community events including baseball tournaments and Harvest Moon Festivals in Clearwater.

Dave and Carol have bred many outstanding, productive Herefords over the years, one notable sire being Double U YoYo 106B. They have participated in various shows and sales having many high sellers and champions. For many years, they had the top gaining Hereford bull and best group of 5 at the Douglas Test Station. Guilford Hereford genetics have been sold internationally to Czechoslovakia, Russia, Kazakhstan, Denmark, Japan and the USA. Dave has judged many shows all over North America. Dave and Carol were instrumental in promoting the Hereford breed by working with 15 other herds to sell 300 cross bred heifers annually, all having Guilford Hereford genetics in their breeding. The Guilfords participated in many production sales over the years in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Dave worked as a field man for the Canadian Hereford Association marketing the THE program and EPDs in 1982. He was influential in organizing the National Junior Hereford Association and continued as a council advisor until 1996. Dave and Carol hosted junior ambassadors from Australia and organized their summer tour across Western Canada. Dave represented the Manitoba Hereford Association internationally at the Fort Worth Livestock Show with a display and booth, resulting in the sale of bulls to Mexico from Manitoba breeders. He travelled around the world and marketed Canadian Hereford genetics in countries such as China and Kazakhstan.

Dave and Carol have been excellent promoters of the Hereford breed locally, nationally and internationally.

