



Loren Jay Wilmore

December 13, 1925 - November 6, 2014

Loren Jay Wilmore, 88, wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away on Thursday, November 6, 2014. Loren was born December 13, 1925, in Charlotte, the son of Fred and Mable (Sackett) Wilmore. He graduated from Charlotte High School in 1943. On May 1, 1946, he married IvaJean Maurer. Loren and IvaJean worked side by side for 68 years on Lor-Jean Farms, operating a Registered Holstein Dairy for over 50 years, and continued to crop farm. Loren loved family, farming, nature, and sports. Loren a 55 year member of the DHIA Herd Improvement Association, served as President for Eaton County. He also served on the Michigan Milk Advisory Council, as District Treasurer for the Lansing Local, and President of Eaton Farm Bureau Co-op. Loren was an active member of Gresham United Methodist Church and, above all, loved his family. He is survived by his wife IvaJean; daughters, Charlene (Tim) Finegan of New Jersey and Lorraine (David) Green of Charlotte; four grandchildren, Heather (Michael) Cosimano, Eric (Jessica) Green, Jennifer Green Fox and Ryan Finegan; six great-grandchildren, Abigail, Sofia and Sabina Green, Tyler Fox, and Nicholas and Leo Cosimano; his sister, Lucile (Fred) Holcomb; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Lloyd. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte with Rev. Kathy Smith and Rev. Bryce Feighner officiating. Interment will follow at Gresham Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3:00-6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 10, 2014 at the funeral home. Memorial

contributions may be made to Gresham United Methodist Church or Eaton Community Palliative Care. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Loren and send heartfelt condolences to Iva Jean, Charlene, Lorraine and their families. I have fond memories of stopping by for a visit on Sunday afternoons so Dad and Loren could talk about cattle, farming and sports. He was "one of a kind" who will be dearly missed. Love to all.

Pam (Wilmore) Todd - November 09, 2014 at 10:19 AM

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“ My parents were best friends with Loren and IvaJean and the Wilmores' are the first people I think of when remembering my childhood. From fairs and black and white (holstein) shows to visiting each others homes every weekend we did so much together. I loved staying overnight with Lorraine. You were there for us when Dad, Mom, and Faith passed. In a changing world, it was comforting to know that you were still there on Gresham Hwy. We loved you so much! Loren was a great cowman and my husband and I were honored that he would sell two of his best cows to us, "Valiant Della" and "Sexation Susan". I know Loren was taken aback when we sold Della and she was exported to South Africa. She became one of the most influential cows in that country! It was a sad day when the LorJean herd was dispersed and I know it was especially hard on Loren. I am happy he was able to continue on farming for so many years after that. Shari (Hammond) Snider

Shari Hammond Snider - November 08, 2014 at 09:41 PM

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“ Baling hay, fishing, enjoyed the best ice tea after throwing hay bales, putting in your white vinyl fence. great friends and neighbors. Our sympathy to Iva Jean and family.

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“ On and behalf of the entire Harmon family we pass on our condolences. Knowing Loren when I was so young help mold me into the adult I became. Our memories are priceless and it was my/our pleasure to have had known Loren. Heaven now has a great farmer, family man and an honest to goodness old fashioned friend. Our sorrow is tempered by the great work and great memories of Loren touching my family. **THANK YOU LOREN FOR BEING OUR FRIEND!** Rod Harmon Vermontville, MI

Rod Harmon - November 08, 2014 at 01:17 PM