

LET IT BE KNOWN, that it is with great sadness we join the Bahrman family and friends, Hiawathaland Farm Bureau, the U.P. farming community, and farmers across Michigan to commemorate the passing of David Bahrman. He led a life of exceptional dedication to family, farm, and community and his passing leaves all of us to mourn one taken from us too soon.

David Barhman was born in 1957 as the fifth generation on his family's dairy and potato farm in Skandia, Michigan. As with most dairy farm children, he was part of the operation with daily chores from a very early age. As he grew, the responsibilities and importance of the jobs grew. In 1980, Dave entered into a general partnership with his other three brothers and parents to operate their growing operation. David and his twin brother, Dan, left the dairy portion of the business to focus on beef, potatoes, hay, and other crops in 1993. They purchased a farm in Rumley where their partnership continued until Dave's passing.

David's commitment was not just to his own farm. David has had a very long personal and professional commitment to helping Michigan farmers, especially U.P. farmers, through several different associations and organizations. He served on the local grocery cooperative board, the local FSA committee, and helped start an Agricultural Tech program at Bay College. Most auspiciously, David has dedicated a huge amount of his time and experience to Hiawatha Farm Bureau, the U.P. district of Michigan Farm Bureau as its director for over 20 years, and to the Michigan Farm Bureau as a board member. There, he served on the State Policy Development Committee, the Executive Committee, and Agri-Pac, traveled internationally, was a delegate to the American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting, and represented the organization in numerous other capacities. One of his most visible accomplishments was helping preserve the Miracle of Life exhibit at the U.P. State Fair through the Michigan Farm Bureau and U.P. farm bureaus' commitment to the program.

David was not only committed to agriculture and the agriculture community, but he was also involved in many other aspects of his community. He and his wife endowed a professional development award in the Excellence in Education program given to a local teacher each year. They assisted in trail maintenance projects in their area and with the Shriner's Vidalia onion program.

David's excellent achievements for his farm, local community, the U.P., and Michigan agriculture are impressive, they would not be possible without the support and encouragement of his amazing wife, Karen, whom he married in 1988. She has been an integral part of all his successes and is very accomplished herself, having served many years as the prosecutor for Alger County. Together they enjoyed their work, on and off the farm, especially their dogs and Karen's horses.

David was taken from us all suddenly last spring, but he leaves a legacy of love and service that serve as an example and inspiration to all of us. His love for his friends, family, and his work have left a legacy of knowledge and love given lasting value in the knowledge and sure hope that he also loved Jesus Christ and believed in the final resurrection to come.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, therefore, we join with so many others in celebrating and remembering the life and achievements of David Bahrman. May we all aspire to build a legacy of lasting value to the people and community we love as Dave did. May his family be comforted by prayers, faith, and these remembrances of our lasting esteem.