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Missouri Livestock Symposium Announces Charles Selway 2009 Livestock Person of the Year



The Missouri Livestock Symposium is pleased to announce that the late Charles "Charlie" Selway of Williamstown, MO, will be inducted into the Livestock Producers Hall of Fame at an awards ceremony at the Missouri Livestock Symposium on December 4, 2009. His family will be presented with a 20"x24" framed oil painted portrait of Charlie, with plaque, which will be unveiled on the Friday evening of the Missouri Livestock Symposium.

The 2009 Missouri Livestock Symposium will be held December 4 & 5, 2009 at the Kirksville Middle School located at 1515 S. Cottage Grove in Kirksville, Missouri. The Symposium features an agriculture and consumer oriented trade show, educational speakers from 12 states speaking on all species of horses, beef cattle, sheep and meat goats, forages, stock dogs, renewable resources, and more. It also features country music entertainment on Saturday night following the conclusion of the Symposium. This year's entertainer is Curb Records recording artist Steve Holy (steveholy.com). More details about the 2009 Missouri Livestock Symposium may be found at missourilivestock.com. Except for concert tickets there is no charge to attend the Symposium and no registration is required.

The late Charles Selway spent his entire life, except for the years served in the U. S. Air Force, on the same farm near Williamstown, MO. His love and passion for his Hereford cattle led him to be involved in many aspects of the livestock industry. He owned and managed a herd of 120 Hereford cattle, in later years adding crossbreds. He also had a flock of 80 Corriedale ewes.

Charles was very involved with reorganizing and maintaining the Clark County Cattlemens Association. He served in the capacity of President, Vice President and State Representative for the organization. He was responsible for obtaining funds to build the 4-H and FFA show barn at the Clark County fairgrounds and seeing that it was constructed. Charles served as an advisor for the Missouri Junior Hereford Association and

organized a local judging team that did well across Missouri and Iowa. He held many judging clinics for the youth at his farm and enjoyed working with young people. Charles served 20 years as 4-H beef leader and was a 4-H sheep leader for 12 years. He also served as chairman of the 4-H livestock committee in Clark County for many years. The Selway family also hosted 4-Hers from Japan, Wisconsin and Oklahoma.

Charles was very active in the community. He was a member of the South Wyaconda Baptist Church where he served as a Trustee for 30 years and was on the cemetery board for 28 years. He served on the Clark County Extension Council 6 years, Beef Extravaganza Committee 4 years, and was a Northeast Missouri Sheep Producers director for 15 years. In addition, he served on the Ballard School Board 4 years, Clark County Nursing Home Board 12 years (President for 10 years), was a Lewis County REC Director 11 years, and Associated of Missouri Electric Cooperative director 10 years. Charles was a Shriner for 50 years, served as a member of the Masonic Lodge 51 years, OES member 49 years, Clark County Fire Department Director 21 years, ASC committeeman 27 years, MFA oil delegate 33 years and Scottish Rite member for 50 years. Known as "Charlie" to his many friends he also found time to be a Democratic Central Committeeman.

Respected by his friends, family and community, Charles Selway received numerous honors and awards. He received REC's A. C. Burrows Award, Outstanding 4-H Male Leader Award, Outstanding 4-H Husband and Wife Award, 4-H Leader Hall of Fame, Honorary FFA Chapter award, FFA Chapter Blue and Gold award, Master Commercial Sheep Producer award, and the Clark County 4-H Farm Family award.

Charles Selway and his entire family have always had a sense of community. His local community, along with Clark County and beyond, have all benefited greatly from the contributions made by Charles Selway. The same can be said for the livestock industry which he served relentlessly.

After a 15 month battle with cancer, Charlie passed away January 31, 2004. He continued to farm and care for his cattle right up to the day before his surgery for esophageal cancer.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 50 years, Neva, daughter Charlene and husband John Roe, son DeWayne Selway and grandchildren Garrett Roe and Kylie Selway.

The Missouri Livestock Symposium is proud to induct Mr. Charles Selway into the Northeast Missouri Livestock Producers Hall of Fame. Congratulations to the entire Selway family and thank you for the unselfish contributions made to our communities and industries.