

District of Ross Mills

Ross Mills Newsletter

May & June 2020

We the family of Emory Holmquist would like to thank all of his faithful readers of the Ross Mills Newsletter.

This will be the last issue; this newsletter is dedicated to him.

His original dream was to publish a book of the Ross Mills history so he started information he could years of this he was more work than he into it, so he the Ross Mills News he could still get out to the community. went over better then imagine for he had California to Florida copies. He put issues.

He loved his that everyone who know its history.

He also loved to own personal

The first few years Emory and Sylvia did the news letters by themselves. A special thanks goes out Sue Shattuck who helped him for a few years and to his granddaughter Sherry (Holmquist) Lawson who helped him for over nine years and to his granddaughter Brittany Rosenow who in later years helped him deliver papers by hand.



of the Ross Mills compiling all the find. After a few decided that it felt he could put decided to start letter. this way the information This news letter he could ever people from that requested together over 140

community and felt lived there should

write about his experiences.



Emory loved his family!





Family
IS EVERYTHING

"Gathering Up Grain and Thrashing it" Emory's last story he wrote

When I was young, somewhere in the 1930's, I can still remember some of the cradlers being used. They gathered up grain into bundles, but you had to tie them up yourself - the machine did do it. Later on the grain binder was being manufactured which actually bound the bundles for you. In both cases you made a stack of them so they could dry.

When thrashing time came, late summer to early fall, we loaded the bundles on a horse drawn wagon and brought them to a central location where gas powered thrashing machines separated the grain from the stalk. In earlier years the thrasher was powered by steam.

The cradler was invention 1823

The thrasher in 1828

The grain binder in 1872

Now a days farmers use a combine.

Obituary of Emory B. Holmquist

Emory B. Holmquist, 91, of Falconer went to be with the Lord on Friday (May 29, 2020) in his son's home on Gerry Levant Rd., Gerry.

A lifelong area resident he was born January 29, 1929 in Jamestown the son of the late Bert and Rosa M. Cardot Holmquist.

Emory attended Falconer High School and in earlier years was employed by Merle McChesney Saw Mill, Jamestown Farm Supply, Zahm & Mattson and for most of his life was a self-employed farmer.

Emory was a member of the Ross Mills Church, Ross Grange, Falconer Senior Citizens Bowling League, Ross Mills Cemetery Association. He was the founder and editor of the Ross Mills District News Letter and served as Ross Mills Historian.

He enjoyed his family, bowling, farming, gardening and growing potatoes'.

Surviving are his two children: Jay (Kelly) Holmquist of Gerry, DeMares (Fred) Rosenow of Stockton; four grandchildren: Sherry (Tyler) Lawson, Amber Szablewski, Brittany Rosenow, Andrew (Jessica) Holmquist; five great grandchildren: Xabrina Szablewski, Skyler Szablewski, Emily Holmquist, Elliott Lawson, Wyatt Lawson and Abigail Holmquist.

He was preceded in death by his wife Sylvia M. Nelson Holmquist whom he married June 27, 1960, who died June 4, 2012; his sister Alice M. Holmquist-McKane and his cousin Donald Holmquist.

The family would like to thank Chautauqua Hospice and Palliative Care for the care Emory received during his illness. A memorial service and celebration of Emory's life will be held at a later date in Ross Mills Church (3843 E. Ross Mills Rd., Falconer, NY 14733).



