

In Loving Memory of

# *Margaret A. Woodmansee*

May 1929 – March 2011

The 2011 Otsego County Fair is dedicated to Margaret Woodmansee

Margaret (Moorhead) Woodmansee, daughter of Francis and Gladys Moorhead, was a lifelong resident of Otsego County. She and her husband Harold, raised three children; Sheri (Doug) Drake, Cynthia (Tom) Prusakiewicz and Barry (Janet) Woodmansee. Margaret had seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Margaret was an avid supporter and longtime associate member of the Otsego County Fair.

Early on Margaret judged cooking at the Fair. She encouraged her daughter, Cyn to become an active fair board member. When Cyn needed help, Margaret became a willing volunteer, helping with the Queen's Pageant; taking in and organizing entries in youth and open class; assisting judges clerking; or manning the information booth, ticket booths at the entrances, the red school house and in the Fair Office.



Noting that the number of Fair entries in Open Class declined one year, she decided she would start entering her knitting, canning, baked goods, flowers and vegetables, rubber stamping projects, and crafts in the Fair. With her interest in Otsego County history she entered antiques at the red school house. For years she enjoyed the competition, especially when her daughters Sheri and Cyn would enter in the same classes. She won numerous ribbons and several Best of Show awards. Margaret even took a project that she won Best of Show for; to the State Fair, but would not send her most prized hymnal angel.

This would have been Margaret's sixtieth year as a member of the Michigan Association of Extension Homemakers (MAEH), later called Michigan Association for Community and Family Education (MAFCE). Often times her MAEH group, the Happy Neighbors would set up a booth for exhibit. She had many creative ideas for those booths, which became a family affair with Margaret and Harold along with their children. Margaret also helped her son-in-law Tom with his livestock group's booths and community service projects.

For many years Margaret was a 4-H leader. She attended leader training at the Kettunen Center and attended Exploration Days at MSU with her group members. Her group entered the Fair in the areas of foods, clothing and crafts. Her 4-H'ers also entered in gardening, bird study, archery, international studies, photography, art, creative writing, genealogy, knitting and collections.

Thank you, Margaret; for all you have done for the Fair and you will be missed tremendously by your family and the Otsego County Fair.