

Robert "Bob" Widger

September 30, 1947 - April 8, 2005



The Otsego County Fair Association proudly dedicates the 2005 Premium Book to **Robert "Bob" Widger**, a long time member of the Fair Association. He and his parents, Carl and Lila Widger had been long time residents of Otsego County.

Bob was a 1965 graduate of Gaylord High School. During his high school career, he was active in Future Farmers of America and 4-H. He became a member of the Otsego County Fair Association and in more recent years served as President of the Board of Directors. He loved working with the large animals and recently became a member of the Northern Michigan Livestock Association Board of Directors. Bob worked for and retired from the Otsego County Road Commission. After his retirement, he was employed by Northern Michigan Livestock Incorporated. He was an all around do it guy, doing repairs and moving cattle for the sales.

Bob, with his wife, Darlene, was a member of the Otsego County Sheriff's Mounted Division. Together, they worked the night patrol duty during fair week, making sure the grounds were secure. Bob was also on the Gun Team and had won several awards for his marksmanship.

He had a passion for making and selling maple syrup and keeping his friends filled with maple coated nuts. Many waited for his call in the spring to let them know that the syrup was ready. He also loved cooking, gardening, fishing, playing pool, cards and woodworking.

Bob continued his support of the fair, especially in the area of the large animal barn by helping with the new pens and watering system, getting animals entered in the fair and arranging for shipping after the auction. The fair, became a "family affair" as Bob's children, Karen, David and Stephanie were active in 4-H activities by raising and exhibiting many animals.

The Otsego County Fair and the Gaylord community held a very special place in Bob's heart. Bob and his jolly laugh will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was a great FRIEND!