

Ed & Melva Rabel

Ed Rabel CCA fieldman 1971 - 1973

Ed Rabel died May 2002

Charolais Banner - May 1971

The C.C.A. office announces Ed Rabel will join them as full time Performance Fieldman. Ed has been a square dance caller around Veteran, so we can expect to hear from him at the next function! Ed is well experienced in the field of A.I, having been a licensed technician since 1959 and running his own A.I. Unit at Veteran since 1967.

Roland & Carol Radchenko *1999

Radchenko Charolais Farms, Battleford, SK

children: Joshua & Ashley

Randy & Carla Radford *1991

Radfords Polled Charolais, Roblin, MB

Bernard, Elmer & Raymond Radke *1966

Char-Barr Charolais Farms, Picardville, AB

Charolais Banner Sept. 1968

We live 11 1/2 miles southeast of Barrhead where our Mother and Dad settled in 1935. There are six brothers in the family, only Helmut the oldest being married. The rest of us, Ed, Fred, Raymond, Elmer and Ben (in order by age) make our headquarters with Mom and Dad. Altogether we farm ten quarters of land ranging from river bottom to range land.

Our cow herd, started in 1962, is about 45 in number at present and ranges from a few commercial to 15/16. It is mainly Remington and Cotano breeding; however we have a few 1/2 French calves this year and are hoping for a good 1/2 French calf crop next year. Our aim is for top quality high performing cattle. We have been performance testing the past two years and would like to see more breeders do the same.

4-H wise Ed has been assistant leader for 3 years and leader for 4 years. I guess the highlight of our 4-H career was Ben being selected inter-provincial exchange winner at Olds provincial eliminations last year. Also that year, he won the top awards in his club and grand champion steer of the show. One other highlight would be that this year we showed a Charolais-cross steer at the Canadian Western Stock Show in Edmonton. We were very pleased to place fifth in the 900-1100 lb. class, but even happier to find out that on the rail this steer placed first with a 64.4% dressing percentage, a ribeye of 2.64 sq.inches per 100 lbs. and a fat cover of .8 inches.

We have enjoyed very much meeting all you Charolais people the past few years. Even though we are nearly all bachelors it doesn't mean it's dry out here. It is actually quite beautiful so anyone travelling in the district, please make it a point to drop in for some Charolais talk and a cup of coffee.

Fred Radke *1965

Char-Ke Charolais Farm, Picardville, AB

Albert & Ruth Rae *1978

Char-Rae Ranch, Lundar, MB
Charolais Banner July/August 1994

Albert & Ruth Rae operated Char-Rae Ranch until dispersing in 1982 due to health reasons. Albert started using Charolais bulls on his commercial cowherd in the sixties and bought 1/2 cross heifers from the first C-C test in 1968.

Don Railton *1993
DRD Charolais, Sintaluta, SK

Dr. D. Scott & Pat Rairdan *1968
EXL Charolais, Crossfield, AB / Daivies-Rairdan Embyo Transplants Ltd.
children Tristen, Nigel
Scott Rairdan CCA director 1986 - 1992
Scott Rairdan died June 1995
Charolais Banner May 1986

Scott Rairdan has been involved actively in the Charolais breed for almost 20 years. For part of those 20 years, Rairdan notes that Charolais did the job of “paying my way through school”. He operates a veterinary practice and embryo transplanting service at Crossfield. This spring, his herd co-owned with brother Jack, Rairdan calved out 80 purebred Charolais females.

Jack & Martha Rairdan *1968
EXL Charolais, Stettler, AB
children: Toni (& Colby Squires), Tracy
Jack Rairdan CCA director 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005
Charolais Banner Sept. 2001

Jack Rairdan operates EXL Charolais along with his wife Martha and their daughter and son-in-law, Toni and Colby Squires. The family has been in the Charolais business for over 30 years. In addition to the purebred herd, the family also runs a mixed grain operation.

Murray & Eileen Rairdan *1968
EXL Charolais Farms, Stettler, AB
children: Allan (Sheryl), Judy, Jack (& Martha), Scott (&Pat)
Murray Rairdan died Aug. 1998
* Charolais Honour Roll (2005)
Charolais Banner July/Aug. 2005

Murray Rairdan started observing Charolais in 1962 when he hauled a load of small wild cows from Idaho for Ron Rouse, his next door neighbour. He never invested in the breed until he saw the progeny of the first importation in 1966

George Raithby *Founding Member 1959
Ontario Agriculture College, Guelph, ON

Wayne & Melva Ramsey *1987
Rammer Charolais, Cardale, MB

children Matthew
Wayne Ramsey Pres. MCA 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

Leroy & Bernice Raper *1977
Northview Farms Ltd., Woodstock, ON

Henrik & Jeralyn Rasmusen *2000
HEJ Charolais, Innisfail, AB
children: Paul, Steffen, Marina

Brian & Jayne Ratcliffe *1971
Arpeg Farms Ltd.
Brian Ratcliffe Pres. BCCA 1975
CCA director 1976

Willam McGee (Mac) & Marie Ratcliffe *1984
Redtrees Farm, markdale, ON
children: Ken, Doug, Lyal, Don, Linda
William McGee (Mac) Ratcliffe died june 1997

Gordon & Nancy Rattray *1990
Rattray Charolais, Viking, AB
children: Leigha, Shelley

Herman Rawe *Founding Member 1959
Strome, AB

James V. Rawe *Founding Member 1959
Triple AAA Ranch / James Rawe Rangeland Inc., Strome, AB
James Rawe CCA director 1959 – 1962
Charolais Newsletter June 1960
Mr. Rawe of Strome, AB has promoted a kill of Charolais-cross beef through the Safeway store at Camrose, AB. It has been very successful and he reports the meat manager would definitely like a steady supply of this quality beef.

John & Myrna Rawe *1990
Randy Rawe
Gene & Kelsey Rawe
Rawes Ranches Ltd., Strome, AB

Orval Rawe *1965
Strome, AB

Chantal Raymond *2002
Ste.Eulalie, PQ
Chantal Raymond Pres. QCA 2004, 2005

- Dr. D.R. Reeds *Founding Member 1959
 Central Ontario Cattle Breeding Association
 Maple, ON
- Mervin & Bev Reese *1978
 Gateway Charolais, Grandview, MB
 children: Darryl, Shane
 dispersal Nov. 1984
- Larry Reeves *1985
 Buffalo Rock Farms, Miniota, MB
- Gotthold Reich *1969
 Green, Vale Farms, Bashaw, AB
 children: Rita, Harold
- P. Ken & Alvina Rempel *1976
 Rempel Charolais, Elm Creek, MB
 children: Trevor, Andrew, Tanya, Tim
 Ken Rempel Sec. MCA 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980
 Pres. MCA 1985
 Pres. MCA 1990, 1991, 1992
 dispersal Nov. 1989
 Charolais Banner May 1982
 Ken Rempel, with wife Alvina and 4 children live on a mixed farm 4 miles out of Elm Creek, MB. Ken and his brother Fred do the grain farming together but Ken's cattle operation is his own. Ken and Fred seed approximately 1,200 acres a year with half of that being grain corn that is sold west as feed and the balance wheat and flax. Ken also grows some silage corn for the cattle. It was in 1973 that Ken purchased his first purebred cows and over the years he has purchased small groups of polled females from breeders all over the continent.
- Ralph & Liz Retzlaff *1999
 Saddleridge Charolais, Rosemary, AB
- A.F. Rewarts *1965
 Cut Knife, SK
- John & Jeanne Reykdal *1985
 David Reykdal
 Reykdal Farm's Charolais, Winnipeg Beach, MB
 John Reykdal CCA director 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005
 Charolais Banner Sept. 2001
 John Reykdal was raised on the farm he and his wife operate along with his brother Dave and his family. The operation, located on the south-west shores of Lake Winnipeg, spans

2,500 acres. It produces grain, oilseeds, hay and forage, as well as a purebred Charolais cattle herd of 50 head.

Ken & Debbie Rhodes *2000
Rhodeside Farms, Virden, MB

Allan & Gail Richardson *1993
A & G Richardson Charolais, Elm Creek, MB

Frank & Marge Richardson *2003
Pinevalley Charolais, Rochester, AB

Lloyd Richardson *Founding Member 1959
St.Benedict, SK

Bill Richardt *1989
Brent Richardt
Sunrich Charolais, Clavet, SK

G.A. (Bud) & Maxine Richardt *1966
Amble-in Ranch, Clavet, SK
children: Bev, Brent (& Shannon), Bill (& Gloria)
Maxine Richardt died Dec. 1998

Otto W. & Lydia Richardt *Founding Member 1959
Anaconda Charolais, Saskatoon, SK
Otto W. Richardt CCA director 1959
Otto Richard died Feb. 1971

In the March 1966 Charolais Newsletter Mary R. Richardt wrote:
When Otto W. Richardt of Belle Vue Dairy Farm, southeast of Saskatoon, brought the first Charolais to the Saskatoon area in August 1958, it was not unusual - for he has specialized in "pioneering firsts" all his life. Mr. Richardt saw the giant white super-beef cattle at a fair in Texas when he and Mrs. Richardt were holidaying in the southern USA. The breed not only fascinated him but their potential so intrigued him that he made immediate arrangements to import several head for his own farm.
Mr. Richardt came to Saskatoon from Wisconsin in 1909, bringing with him six Holstein heifers, the first of that breed to come into this part of Saskatchewan. Later, he augmented his herd by bringing in the first Guernseys to this area. His Holsteins and Guernseys took many first prizes at the Saskatoon Exhibition in the mid-1920's. After holidaying in Wisconsin in 1956, where he visited A.I. units in Watertown and Waupun, he brought the intimate knowledge and enthusiasm which resulted in the formation of the Saskatoon A.I. Co-Op, the first in the province and which continues as the largest in Saskatchewan. At that time, the farmers said, "if Otto is pushing this, it will be a success", and it is.

His interests have not been limited to the production level but included active work in organizing the Saskatoon Dairy Pool, on whose Board of Directors he served for ten years.

Recognizing the importance and necessity of keeping adequate records if production of quality milk in quantity is to be advanced, Mr. Richardt organized the Saskatoon Herd Improvement Association in the late 1920's, served as one of the early presidents and was on its executive board for many years. In 1957, Mr. Richardt's herd won the Star Phoenix Trophy for the greatest increase in milk and butterfat production in one year in the province.

To provide adequate feed for his substantial dairy herd, Mr. Richardt experimented with growing fodder corn and in 1921 produced the first such crop in this area. However, the cool prairie nights were not conducive to the development of the corn and in 1924 he grew the first sunflowers in quantity to fill his concrete upright silo, also a first in the district. His was also the first to use a windmill for pumping water and the first in this district to have White Plymouth Rocks - they took many firsts at the Saskatoon Exhibition.

Prior to coming to Saskatoon, Mr. Richardt did the organizational work for a cheese factory near Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Aside from the dairy business, this man of firsts organized the Homewood School District in 1920 and was its first chairman and continued as chairman for 30 years. He is a charter member of Augustana Lutheran Church, Saskatoon, and has served as deacon and trustee.

Mr Richardt was on the first Board of Directors of the Canadian Charolais Association. He is still keenly interested in the association, even though physically incapacitated which restricts his activities.

Tom & Jean Richmond *1991
Richmond Quarter Horses & Charolais, Rumsey, AB

Lyle & Bari Ringland *1969
Charolais Valley Ranches, Fort Langley
Van-Ringland Ranches Ltd., Burnaby, BC
children: Christina, Marty, Tammy-Lee (1973)
Lyle Ringland Pres.BCCA 1970

Victor & Emile Ringuette *1991
Dennis & Jason Ringuette
Ringuette Charolais, Bonnyville, AB

Gary & Barb Rintoul *1979
Maitland Charolais Farm, Lucknow, ON
children: Kevin

Dr. Roamish *1969
Sheep Creek Ranch, Millarville, AB

Larry Robb Spruce Lane Charolais, White Fox, SK	*2002
Claire & Helen Robbins Courtright, ON	*1966
Barry & Barb Roberts Hard Grass Charolais, Youngstown, AB	*1983
Cal & Dennis Roberts Cal-Den Charolais Farms, Khedive, SK	*1976
Stanley C. Roberts Red River Charolais Breeders ,Niverville, MB Stanley C. Roberts CCA director 1960-1963	*1959
Clint & Lynn Robertson Bar J Polled Charolais, Amaranth, MB children: Justin, Max,Ty	*1988
Howard Robertson R-Bar Charolais, Wldon, SK	*1971
Jack & Gloria Robertson Bar J Polled Charolsi, Amaranth, MB	*1990
Reg Robertson & Doug Hunter R & H Cattle Co., Roblin MB	*1981
Bob & Janet Robinson Willow Creek Charolais, Darlingford, MB	*1983
Dr. K. H. Robson Selkirk, MB	*1965
Gerry & Hazel Roe Roxy Charolais Ranching Ltd., Airdrie, AB children: Charly Gerry Roe Pres. ACA 1980, 1981 CCA director 1983 - 1986 CCA director 1990 -1994 CCA President 1991, 1992, 1994 Hazel Roe Sec. ACA 1982, 1983, 1984 (Hazel Roe married Pat George) Charolais Banner Feb. 1981	*1974

Gerry Roe wears many hats - Charolais breeder, oilman and farmer. He combines these roles successfully with the help of his wife Hazel and son Charly. A Cardston, AB farmboy turned mechanical engineer, who rose to the presidency of Sundance Oil Ltd. in Calgary, Gerry always wanted to return to the land. Hazel, who grew up on an acreage near Regina, SK had the same aspirations.

Larry & Hope Roeder Rolling R Ranch, Hilda, AB children: Crystal, Kurt, Kelly dispersal Dec. 1983	*1976
Loren & Dennis Roemmele Lorden Farms, Olds, AB	*1968
Otto & Pat Roessler Peace Country Charolais, Hines Creek, AB	*1990
Col. Cut Rogers Platte City, Missouri, USA Auctioneer	*1967
Ken & Marilyn Rohs M & K Charolais, Handel, SK	*1997
Cecil & Anne Romanelli C. Romanelli Charolais, Bradford, ON children: Tony, Mario, Phil dispersal Oct. 1982	*1975
Bill & Lila Rookes Harmony Westward Ranch, Manson, MB children: Tom	*1979
Tom & Doreen Rookes Harmony Westward Ranch, Manson, MB Tom Rookes Pres. MCA 1987 CCA director 1988 - 1991	*1979
Claude & Gary Rookes Towerview Farms, Manson, MB Claude Rookes died Jan. 1988	*1983
_____ Roscoe Roscoe Charolais, Owen Sound, ON	*1991
Rosdal Brothers	*1996

Rollin Hills, AB

Ken Rose *1968
Rose Charolais, Big Valley, AB

Walter & Helen Rosengren *1973
Wa-He Acres, Midale, SK
dispersal sale of the estate of Walter Rosengren Nov. 1987
Charolais Banner - Feb. 1977
We started breeding Charolais in 1970 with the purchase of seven 3/4 heifers.

Allan & Lynne Ross *1987
Rossdale Charolais, Thamesville, ON

Alex M. Ross *1975
Amross Farms, London, ON
Alex M. Ross died 1982

Hugh & Dusty Ross *1996
Ross Cattle Services, Innisfail, AB

Rob & Alma Ross *1992
Ric & Linda Ross
Ian & Alison Ross
White Heather Charolais, Crossfield, AB

Tom & Barb Rosser *1988
Jeds Charolais, Poneix, SK

Darwin, Victor & Kevin Rosso *1987
Rosso Charolais, Moose Jaw, SK
Victor Rosso died Jan. 1994

John & Shirley Rosso *1983
Rosso Charolais Farm, Moose Jaw, SK
Shirley Rosso Sec. SCA 1988

Bill Rothenbush *1971
Tripple R Charolais Farms, Vancouver, BC
children: Steven

Don & Ann Round *1967
Round Charolais Farms, Clyde, AB

Maurice Rouire *1985
Haywood, MB

Ronald Rouse	*1960
Charrouse Ranch, Stettler, AB	
Ron & Lona Rouse	
children: Brad	
Ron & Charlotte Rouse	
children: Zarina Leigh (1971), Shelley (1974)	
Ron Rouse CCA director 1962 - 1972	
First Canadian Charolais Production Sale - Nov. 30, 1967	
Charolais Banner - Dec. 1968	
Ron Rouse imported cattle from the US in 1960 as well as a purebred bull and has made a number of importations since that time.	
Les & Ellen Row	*1965
Charrow Charolais Farm, Marshall, SK	
Jim & Lorraine Rowan	*1990
Deep Coulee Charolais, Grimshaw, AB	
children: Lynda	
Linda Rowan	*1991
Char-Lyn Charolais, Grimshaw, AB	
Armand Roy	*1995
Royale Charolais, Canton de granby, PQ	
Louis H. Roy	*1969
Charoy Charolais, Meyronne, SK	
Mitch & June Royle	*1972
Royledale Stock Farms, Foam Lake, SK	
children: Heather	
Gord Ruddy	*1989
CK Ranches, Crossfield, AB	
Phil Rudell	*1973
P.J. Charolais Ranch, Alberta Beach, AB	
Lee & Ena Rudiger	*1963
Little Rudiger Ranch, Langley, BC	
Lee Rudiger - CCA director 1980 - 1993	
Rudiger Ranch, Cut Knofe, SK / Calgary, AB	*1959
John & Rose Rudiger	
children: Cal, Kirk, Grace	

Rose (Rudiger) Wilson died June 1992

John & Rowana Rudiger

John Rudinger Pres. SCA 1964

Sec. SCA 1967

CCA director 1960 - 1969

CCA director 1993 - 1999

* Charolais Honor Roll (1999)

In the Charolais Newsletter May 1954 - John Rudiger wrote:

1959 was a memorable year for the Rudigers, a year that changed our lives socially and economically. Socially - as we have met and made many new friends and attended many gatherings and meetings across Canada, United States and Mexico. Economically - as we never believed that a person could go so far into debt for just a few "white animals". For it was early February of 1959 that we travelled to Texas and purchased our first Charolais herd from the Michaelis Ranch in Kyle, Texas. Our first importation was 8 (15/16 and purebred) heifers and a bull (Santa Claus). They were often referred to as Santa Claus and his eight reindeer. Being one of the pioneers of Charolais in Saskatchewan, people wondered if perhaps we weren't off on a "wild goose chase". Since then we have made three more importations from Texas, and one from B.C., and our Charolais herd has increased to over 100.

Nesthyr & Sharon Rudniski

*1967

NR Charolais, Saskatoon, SK

dispersal Oct 2005

Charolais Banner May 1975

Nesthyr Rudniski was raised on a mixed farm at Preeceville in Eastern Saskatchewan and is a successful businessman in Saskatoon. The big opportunity for his business came in 1961 in Saskatoon when he started the Medical Arts Laboratory to provide a service that had previously been done only in hospitals. What started as a single lab with a staff of two doing routine lab tests now has grown into three labs across the city with a staff of 40 conducting the most sophisticated test.

Nesthys says, "We bought Rod James' top percentage cattle when he sold his herd and added a few Full French along the way. These were the basis of our herd until we went with Polled cattle".

Wayne & Cheryl Rurka

*1991

Viewpoint Charolais, Evansbusg, AB

Earl (Sandy) & Elnora Russell

*1978

Narcosli Charolais, Quesnel, BC

Sandy Russell Pres. BCCA 1983

Pres. BCCA 1988

Brad & Cory Rutten

*1994

Cornerstone Charolais, Carlyle, SK

Brad & Jayne (Easton) Rutten

*1995

Diamond R Stock Farms, Wawota, SK

Larry & Bev Rutten *1991

Kevin Rutten

Double R Charolais Farms, Carlyle, SK

Larry Rutten died July 1994

Bob & Lauren Ryan *1992

Ryan's Hope Charolais, Vibank, SK

Joe & Sandy Rye *1977

Sunnyside Charolais, Fort Saskatchewan, AB