

John J Young

John J. Young of Ragersville entered the gates of heaven peacefully on October 26, 2017 at the age of 92. John attended Baltic High School where he met and later married his high school sweetheart Ruth Irene Kreiger on August 10, 1946. Together they purchased and started farming his grandfather's farm. There he milked and showed dairy cows until the herd was sold in 2000. John will be sadly missed by his wife Ruth and children Jim (Sandra) Young and Sharon (Raymond) Hisrich, sister Margene (John "Pete") Hicks and brother-in-law Walter Stotzer; four grandchildren, James Douglas (Jill) Young, Tripp Hisrich, John (Mandy) Hisrich all of the Ragersville area and Brittany Young of Charleston, West Virginia; four great grandchildren, Holly Young, Olivia Young, JD Young and Hoyt Hisrich. He is preceded in death by his parents Floyd H. (Emma Hoffman) Young, a brother Raymond Young, a sister Gladys Stotzer, brother-in-law Paul Kreiger, and a sister-in-law Grace Kaser, a son Dale Edward Young and a grandson Jaime Lee Young.

John was a member of the Ragersville United Church of Christ where he served as a Deacon, an Elder, and a member of the Consistory. He was also a lifelong member of the Ohio and National Holstein Association where he proudly served as a state director for nine years. In 2004 he was the recipient of Ohio Holstein Association Distinguished Service Award. He served on the Garaway High School Board of Education for six years and as a supervisor for the Tuscarawas SWCD Board for five years. John was also a 4-H advisor and was a member of the Ragersville Historical Society.

John was a prosperous dairy farmer that loved showing and looking at registered purebred dairy cattle and was quite proud of his children and grandchildren's accomplishments in the show ring on the county, district, state and national levels. It is said that John had never seen a cow he didn't like. John was also an avid supporter of athletics, especially basketball, and would occasionally tell about scoring 18 points in a game and when he was a freshman scoring the winning

bucket and being carried off the floor. He never missed a sporting event his children were involved in and could always find a short cut to get there.

A celebration of John's life will be held on Monday October 30, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Ragersville United Church of Christ with Pastor Bruce Haltom officiating. Burial will be in the Union Hill Cemetery, with a reception to follow. All are welcome to attend. Friends may call on Sunday from 2-5 PM at the Ragersville United Church of Christ and on Monday from 10- 11 AM prior to services at the Church. In lieu of Flowers, the family requests donations be made in John's memory to Ragersville United Church of Christ Youth Scholarship Fund, 8831 Crooked Run Road SW, Sugarcreek, Ohio 44681.

Smith-Varns Funeral Home in Sugarcreek is handling arrangements. Please visit the funeral home's website to share a memory.

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