



Norbert G. Roth was born in 1907 to the parents of Charlie and Emma Pearse Roth on a farm in White County, Illinois. This farm was the beginning years of farm life for Norbert. In 1914 Norbert's father passed away leaving the shared responsibilities to him and his Grandfather Pearse. Norbert's mother later remarried, and along with Norbert relocated to Ashland, Illinois to continue working on the farm. In March, 1923 Norbert finished his formal education and began work full time on a grain and livestock farm. Six years later he decided to start farming on his own with 160 acres located northwest of Ashland. With the new business venture on the farm, Norbert needed the basics of farm life; farm machinery and a wife.

Norbert met then married Louise Nevins on February 7, 1929, they later had two children, a daughter Betty and a son Ted. During the years of the depression, Norbert managed to stay busy with the custom work on the farm such as picking corn, baling hay, and combining. In 1943, Norbert and his wife purchased their own farm in Logan County, Illinois. In the year of 1972, a Sub Chapter S Corporation was formed with his son Ted, and his wife Carolyn. Today the Roth Farm Incorporated consists of 660 acres and primarily concentrate on the breeding of raising of purebred Angus cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Roth have been active in community/civic and church activities most of their life. They have been members of the Williamsville Christian Church for over 40 years which Norbert served on the board for many years. During Norbert's farming career he has served on many boards: The board of directors of Farm Supply of Sangamon County; The Williamsville CO-OP Elevator which he is still active. Norbert prides himself in being a member of the Farm Bureau for sixty-six years in the counties of Cass, Morgan, Logan and Sangamon County.

**1996 Recipient
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