



Charles E. Burrus was born on February 10, 1933, the 2nd of 6 children to Dorothy and Charles O. Burrus of Buffalo Hart. He attended Prairie School Elementary and Williamsville High School, graduating in 1951.

He attended the University of Illinois for one year and then served in the United States Army from 1953 thru 1955. Upon discharge from the army, he went back to the University of Illinois to finish his degree, graduating in 1958 with a degree in Animal Science and Farm Management.

While at college, Charles was a Farmhouse Fraternity, Alpha-Zeta, and the Hoof & Horn Club member.

After graduating, he returned to Buffalo Hart and began farming. He raised corn, soybeans, wheat, alfalfa, and oats. He also raised cattle and started his hog herd on outside pastures. He and became one of the early innovators of confinement production in the hog industry.

Charles married Patricia Lofboom in 1959 and had three daughters, Michelle (Schafer), Cindy (Partlow), and Jill, and will be celebrating his 62nd wedding anniversary this year.

Charlie still is involved in the hog business and owns Sangamon Prairie Pork Farm with his son-in-law. They farrow and finish 22,000 hogs a year.

He is a member of the Sangamon County Pork Producers, Illinois Pork Council, Ducks Unlimited, Livestock Growers Coop, and Buffalo Hart Presbyterian Church.

Charles was a pilot and member of the Slip & Skid club. He loved flying the plane that he owned for over 30 years. He was a lifelong learner, loved to read and travel, taking many trips throughout the U.S., Canada, and internationally.

When you saw Charlie, if he wasn't hard at work, he was good for at least a half-hour of visiting, which is one thing he will always be remembered for.

**2021 Recipient
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Buffalo Hart**