

Latest Barn Quilt Honors Oscar and Elaine Moesch

Shawano County's 60th barn quilt has been sponsored by the children and families of Oscar and Elaine Moesch. Rita and Lloyd Hansen, Keith (Buck) and Mariann Moesch, Larry and Donna Moesch, Dixie and Don Mattes, and DuLou and Luann Moesch chose a quilt pattern called "Long pointed Star" for their barn quilt. It is on display on a barn at N6635 Fox Lane just northeast of Shawano. The barn was built in the early 1900s.

Oscar and Elaine purchased the 160-acre farm in April 1954 from Frederick E. Eberlein Fur Farms. They actively farmed there until Oscar died in 1987. Elaine continued to enjoy living on the farm until her death in 2006.

The farm was a hub of activity and central gathering point for family, relatives and friends. The family decided to sponsor the quilt in remembrance of the good times they had on the farm. "One of Elaine's passions was quilting and she enjoyed gifting quilts to her children and grandchildren," Keith said. "She would have really liked Shawano's barn quilt project."

Although the farmland has remained in the Moesch family, the homestead on which the barn stands was sold to Cas Janeczko in August 2006. "I think the quilt looks really nice," Janeczko said. "I'm glad the Moesch families decided to sponsor it."