

Klebasadals Sponsor Quilt in Memory of Their Forebears

Shawano County's 62nd Barn Quilt has been sponsored by Ray and Jean Klebasadel, W8281 County M, on the farm where Ray grew up just west of Shawano. The pattern they chose is called 'Fish Circle' and was chosen because members of their families enjoy fishing. The quilt was sponsored in memory of both Jean and Ray's forebears and is mounted on a shed built in the early 1900s.

Ray was an only child whose dad died when he was 15 months old. His mom, Elsa (Habeck) and stepdad Lawrence Derby lived on the farm. They had a small dairy herd and a large flock of chickens. His mom was on the farm until 1991 and lived to be nearly 101 years old.

The 101-acre farm had been purchased by Ray's grandfather, George, in 1890. His great grandfather, Carl Erich Gotthilf, emigrated to the U.S. from Pomerania in 1855 and was the leader of a group that established the town of Pella.

Jean's parents, Dave and Aurelia Beversdorf, farmed just west of the Klebasadels. Jean had four sisters, Marilyn (deceased), Phyllis (deceased), Delores (married to John Bain) and Dorothy.