

C. Fred Lorenzo

C. Fred Lorenzo, 85, of Belvidere died May 22, suddenly in his home.

He served as agricultural agent in Warren County for 44 years, retiring in 1985.

He had been active in New Jersey's agriculture industry since he was a youngster on his family's dairy farm in Sussex County.

He also operated a Christmas Tree Farm and raised purebred Holstein cattle.

He was born Nov. 9, 1910, in Newton.

He was one of the organizers of the first dairy cattle artificial breeding cooperative in the United States. He was also instrumental in establishing the North Jersey Livestock Cooperative Auction Market, the Warren County Holstein Association and the Warren County Farmer's Fair Association.

During his college years, he was a member of the dairy, livestock, dairy product and meat product, intercollegiate judging teams. He joined the Jersey Cooperative Extension Service in 1936 as Warren County's 4H agent, becoming the county's agricultural agent in 1941.

He served in the New Jersey Agriculture Association. In 1981, Rotary International honored him with the Paul Harris Fellow Award. Also in 1981, he was professor emeritus of Rutgers University.

In 1952, he served as consultant to the government of the Dominican Republic.

On Jan. 4, 1996, he received

the Distinguished Service Award for Agriculture in New Jersey from the State Board of Agriculture.

He received the distinguished Service Citation from the National County Agents' Association and the Distinguished Service Citation from the United States Department of Agriculture for his 44 years as an agricultural agent.

He received the Distinguished Service to New Jersey Agriculture Award from the State Board of Agriculture.

He was a member of the Rotary Club of Belvidere, the Grange, the Belvidere Planning Committee, and the board of the Belvidere Sewage Authority. He was also a member of the Civil Defense Committee, the Shade Tree Commission, and American Legion Post 131 of Belvidere.

He served in the Army Tank Corps during World War II.

He attended Newton High School, where he received letters in both football and wrestling. He was a member of the first high school wrestling team in New Jersey.

He graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1933, and wrestled in every dual meet from 1929 to 1933. He was captain of the undefeated team. He received second place in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Championship in 1931 and 1933. He was a champion in the New Jersey Amateur Athletic Union Championship in the early 1930s.

He was a participant in the Invitational AAU Tournament Championship in 1936 in the 158 class. He was an Olympic judge for the 1939 Olympic tryouts.

His wife, the former Ida Sterlachini, died Feb. 27, 1923.

Surviving are two daughters, Dr. Linda of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Susan Gaslon of Hopewell Township; and three grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, 327 Greenwich St., Belvidere. Arrangements were made by MacFadden Funeral Home, 323 Hardwick St., Belvidere.

Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Belvidere.

The family requests memorials to Penn State Wrestling, care of Ken Cutler, 157 Jordan Center, University Park, Pa. 16802.

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May 30, 1996
C. FRED LORENZO
Date of Death
May 22, 1996