

OBITUARY

Eugene "Gene" Makarevich Sr.

Eugene "Gene" Makarevich Sr., 69, of Knowlton Township, NJ, died Tuesday, February 22, 2005 at his home following a short illness.

Born: On August 9, 1935 in Dover, NJ, he was a son of the late James and Frances Dabrowski Makarevich.

Personal: He and his wife, the former Fay Miller, were married for 42 years.

Gene lived for many years in Rockaway and Hackettstown, NJ before moving to Knowlton Township in 1962. He and his late brother, Lawrence operated the family dairy until 1987 and currently with his son, Gene, Jr. They also, as brothers, owned and operated the Hackettstown John Deere Dealership for six years. He was a dairy farmer from 1960 until 2005 and was the past president of the Holsetin Association. Gene was known as an outstanding breeder of Holsetin dairy cattle. The Makarevich Farm has been one of the top producing herds in New Jersey for over 30 years. Cattle from the Makarevich Farm have been sold to dairy farmers across the United States, and as foundation breeding stock to many farmers in foreign countries. The Makarevich name is known throughout the dairy industry. Gene was very active in the national, state, and local Holstein Association. His leadership, vision, and dedication to the dairy and farming industry will be greatly missed.

Survivors: In addition to his wife, Fay, he is survived by two daughters, Patty Tirone and her husband, Jim of Blairstown, NJ; Peggy Simmons and her husband, Rafe of Columbia, NJ; a son, Gene Jr. and his wife, Paige of Columbia, NJ; seven grandchildren, Morgan and Jami Tirone, Rafe, Brant, and Trent Simmons, Leah and Nathan Makarevich; two brothers, Edwin and his wife, Marilee of Kunkletown, Pa, Charles of Columbia; an uncle, Stanley Dabrowski of Budd Lake, NJ; family friends, Pat and Bobbie Behrmann; several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

His brother and sister-in-law, Lawrence and Judy, died earlier.

Services: A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Jude Roman Catholic Church, Blairstown, NJ. Calling hours will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. in the Newbaker Funeral Home, 200 Route 94, Blairstown, NJ. Burial will follow in the Yellow Frame Cemetery, Fredon, NJ.

Memorials: Donations in Gene's memory may be made to Columbia University, Eugene Makarevich Heart Transplant Program, c/o Karen Burke, Columbia University Department of Surgery, room 105, 622 West 168th, NY, NY 10032.

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