



## Honour Roll Donald Cross

Donald Cross was born in Calgary, Alberta in 1932. His family's history is

intertwined with the foundation of the province of Alberta, with Donald's grandfather, A.E. Cross moving west to work on the Cochrane Ranch in 1884. A.E. subsequently established the a7 Ranche and Calgary Brewing and Malting Company. Donald's father, James (J.B.) Cross, established Bar Pipe Farms in 1953 along the Sheep River. Donald attended Strathcona School in Calgary, Alberta and Appleby College in Oakville, Ontario. He obtained his Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Alberta in 1954 and his MBA from the University of Western Ontario in 1958. Donald and his wife, Shan have four children and four grandchildren.

Donald's business career began with the Calgary Brewing and Malting Company in Calgary, followed by Canadian Breweries in Toronto. He was also active in the hotel business located in both the North West Territories and British Columbia. He served as a long-time director and past president of the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede. Donald is also a past president of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce and the Ranchman's Club. The community involvement doesn't end there; Donald and Shan are very active in the Millarville community as well. In addition to facilitating the amalgamation

of the Millarville Racing & Sports, the Priddis/Millarville Agricultural Society, and the Race Track Hall Association (while he was President of the Racing Society), Donald and Shan were active with the historic Christ Church at Millarville. Donald is currently the President of Probus Club of Calgary.

In addition to Donald's extraordinary community involvement, he has played an active role at Bar Pipe Farms (now Bar Pipe Hereford Ranch, under the management of his son, Jay) since its inception. He was instrumental in the establishment and management of the Hereford commercial herd at the Millarville farm. The Millarville operation eventually became a purebred herd with the purchase of the Pirmez Creek herd from Earl Harwood.

Bar Pipe's initial focus was its November production sale, but that soon expanded to include the Lethbridge & Calgary Bull Sales. The Bar Pipe name has long been synonymous with superior herdsires. Repeat customers from across Canada and the United States attended Bar Pipe's production sale, which ran for over 50 years. Bar Pipe's string at the Calgary Bull Sale has produced many Champions, Reserve Champions and Division Champions. The high selling bull at Calgary Bull sale carried the BP prefix at least 5 times in recent memory. Influential herd sires raised by Bar Pipe include BP Red Standard 137W, who left landmark sons and daughters throughout Canada and BP Regal Masterpiece ET 350X, who became a foundation sire of the Colyer herd in Idaho.

BP Sandman 146D's progeny have grossed over \$200,000 in sales to date. Bar Pipe females have also shown their worth in many herds. Of special note is BP 146D Lady 30L, whose son, BCDO 326N, was the Supreme Champion bull at Agribition in 2005.

The gates at Bar Pipe have been opened time and time again to Hereford breeders from around the world. Donald and his father always ensured Bar Pipe's excellent hospitality. Bar Pipe hosted a special function at the World Hereford Conference in 1976, as well as numerous tours and field days – including the Canadian Hereford Association's Annual Meeting in 2004. Bar Pipe has always been a tremendous supporter of the CJHA and the Keith Gilmore Foundation, where Donald was the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for 20 years.

Donald and Shan have traveled extensively across the USA, Britain and Australia, fostering personal relationships and marketing not only their own cattle, but Canadian cattle. They have attended the Royal Easter Show in Sydney, and were regular attendees at the National Western Stock Show in Denver as well as all the major Canadian cattle shows. Bar Pipe receives a large number of international visitors each year, who often tour other Canadian operations during their visits. The BP prefix is prominent in many countries throughout the world.

It is with great pleasure that the Canadian Hereford Association inducts Donald Cross into its Honour Roll.

