



Phil Gjerstad Endowment Fund

Phil Gjerstad passed away after a long battle with Leukemia on Saturday, August 21, 2010 at his home with family and friends at his side. The KARL Program has been identified as a memorial for Phil Gjerstad, Maple Hill, formally of Dodge City.

Phil's service as a board member of Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership, Inc. was from 2000 through 2006. He was the volunteer team leader that reinvigorated the Old West Fest KARL Benefit in Dodge City, a celebration event that helped open the newly renovated Depot. The event, held biannually, generated over \$60,000 for the KARL Program general fund.

Phil traveled with KARL Class VII to Brazil for their International Study Tour and was quoted at a churrascarias (Brazilian Barbeque) that he loved the country. Brazilians are the greatest consumers of beef, per capita, in the world and Phil being a cattleman his entire life, thought he was next to heaven. Phil loved the KARL Program and the leadership growth provided the participants made his work with the program one of the most rewarding volunteer experiences of his life. He continued support as a donor, promoter and candidate recruiter to date, including contributing towards the 2010 Old West Fest in Garden City in mid July.

A team of co-workers and friends have initiated a campaign to build an Endowment Fund at the KARL Foundation in Phil's name. The KARL Foundation Phil Gjerstad Endowment Fund will officially be opened with the receipt of \$10,000 or more. The proceeds from earnings will be used to sponsor a special dinner during the International Study Tour of each KARL class in future. The base group of supporters providing seed capitol for the fund include Jim and Donna Bassett, Dover; Warren and Carol Weibert, Oberlin/Manhattan; Jay Armstrong, Muscotah; Buchanan and Company, Manhattan; Vance and Louise Ehmke, Dighton and Floyd Feedyard, Johnson.

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