CLARE AND DOROTHY GEDDES

Clare and Dorothy have been married for 63 years last June. They have both lived in Pilot Mound their entire life. Clare did a 4 year stint in the RCAF overseas. At 92 years old, Clare has seen a lot of changes in his hometown and has been a part of a lot of them. Being a cattle man, he was president of the Canadian Charolais Club when the first cattle of this breed were brought over from France. He had the honor of being named Mr. Manitoba Farmer in 1983 and meeting Premier Howard Pawley. He was also awarded a book about Winnipeg from the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce.

Clare has spent almost half his lifetime as a director on the Greenwood Cemetery Board. At the 2007 annual meeting, he retired from his position as Chairman which he held since 1999. He also spent many years on the museum board. He's been a member of the Legion and the Horticultural Society. He has also been active in the United Church and served in every office of the now disbanded Foresters Club.

For the years Clare lived on the farm property just outside of town, he planted over 250 gladioli bulbs and every week would take some cut flowers to the lodge to brighten up the tables for the seniors. He loved to visit with people, young or old, and would spend time with people in the hospital.

Dorothy was the perfect farm wife. When Clare was away on Charolais business, she held down the fort, looking after their children. She also spent a lot of time helping her neighbours and friends with whatever they needed.

Dorothy loves her church and over the years spent many hours in its service. Besides being on the church council, she was a member of the UCW all her adult life and served as its President for many years. She was a great leader of women. Along with Clare, she was also a contributor to the Horticultural Society and the Foresters Club.

Clare and Dorothy, we admire you and thank you for your years of service to this community. It is with great respect that we present you with this award as Volunteers of the Year.