

# Ted Blew, 67, prominent Franklin Township New Jersey farmer



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Theodore "Ted" George Blew Jr. of Franklin Township died on Monday, Feb. 17, 2014 in Hunterdon Medical Center. He was 67.

He was a prominent farmer and served in various organizations. He loved agriculture and retailed the farm's products at the Union Square Greenmarket in Manhattan, N.Y. three days a week

Born October 27, 1946 in Pottsville, Pa, he was a son of Theodore George Blew Sr. and Stella Mae Stibitz Blew. He graduated from Emmaus (Pa.) High School in 1964 and then from the Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture in Doylestown, Pa. in 1968 with a B.S. in agronomy.

During his college years, Ted worked for Seem Seed Farms (presently Seedway) in Emmaus. Post college, Ted moved to Ringoes in May 1970 when he worked for Cooperative Farms. Ted met his future wife, Susan Johnson, when her parents sold their dairy and horse farm in Ringoes and he moved onto their former farm.

Ted and Susan married on June 9, 1973 and purchased their 160-acre farm, Oak Grove Plantation, in Franklin Township on Aug. 26, 1977. They celebrated their 40th wedding

anniversary on June 9, 2013.

In 1985 they were the first farmers in New Jersey to sell their farmland development rights. Ted and Susan were instrumental in getting the N.J. Farm Building Code amended to ensure that the construction of commercial farm buildings is not impeded by overly restrictive construction requirements.

He was a member of the Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture, N.J. Farm Bureau, the Franklin Township Land Use Board, the Franklin Township Agricultural Advisory Committee and was treasurer for Boy Scout Troop 108 in Franklin Township. He was a longtime member of Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church, Ringoes, and attended the Quakertown United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Susan Johnson Blew; daughter Charity and son-in-law, Jeff Stasyshyn; son Eric and daughter-in-law, Katie Blew; daughter Amanda and son-in-law, Pete Maddalena; son, Jonathan Blew; a brother, Bruce Blew in New Orleans; and he was blessed to see the birth of his first granddaughter, Rosemary Blew, as well as his first grandson, Zachary Stasyshyn, both born in 2013.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. in the Quakertown United Methodist Church, 1187 Croton Road (Route 579), Quakertown. Interment will follow in Locust Grove Cemetery, Quakertown, after one final pass through his beloved Oak Grove Plantation. Calling hours will be Saturday, Feb. 22, 6 to 8 p.m. in the Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home, 147 Main St., Flemington.

Memorial contributions can be made to the NJ Sharing Network Foundation, 691 Central Ave., New Providence, NJ 07974.