

Jim & Jacky Caras

In approximately 1935 a young Greek immigrant, Angel Caras, from Spanish Fork, Utah imported three bred Suffolk ewes from Canada. His oldest son, Earnest, wanted to begin a flock of sheep as a Future Farmers of America project.

Those three ewes were the beginning of a lifetime success for the Caras family. At one time the business consisted of father, Angel, sons, Earnest, Andrew, Franklin and Jim. They called it Angel Caras and Sons. In the early sixties the business became Caras Brother's with Earnest and Jim as partners. After the death of Earnest, Jim and his wife Jacky and their family became owners and now call the business Caras Ranch.

From those three ewes became one of the most successful Suffolk Sheep family businesses in the state of Utah. We are so proud to say that our sheep have been bought by many satisfied buyers throughout the United States and Canada.

Jim has served and served again, always with the thought of honoring his profession. He has been both President and board member for the Suffolk Association several times. Jim is well known for his expertise and sound quality sheep. He has judged livestock shows all over the USA and Canada.

Jim has been manager of the Utah Ram Sale for more than 40 years. Just having finished the 2014 sale of more than 600 rams, the sale was deemed by all successful again, in terms of averages and the quality of animals. It is a huge family project with all Caras' family members involved. A Dutch Oven Utah lamb dinner is served the night prior to the sale, a program and auction prizes enjoyed. On the day of the sale a saddle is given away by drawing tickets out of a spinner. One ticket is put in for every \$500 a buck buyer has spent. Buying just one more pen may be the key to having the winning ticket for the saddle assigned to it.

Jim has served his country in the military, his community as a 4-H leader for unnumbered years, and he enjoys the FFA organization, both of which he was a member of as a young man. He is an honored lifetime Future Farmer and has mentored countless young men and women in the livestock profession. He was named Utah Sheepman of the year. He served two Utah governors as an appointed board member of the Utah State Fair Corporation. He also serves his community and honors his Savior by having held many volunteer positions in his faith.

We as his family think an award such as this is long overdue and join with the industry in honoring and being proud of our sheep man husband, dad and Grandpa for this recognition.