



Ronald and Yvonne Trostle - 2024

To write the story of showing livestock in Pennsylvania is to write the story of Ronald and Yvonne Trostle. The two met at the York Fair in 1960 and were married for fifty years. Ron lost his beloved wife in 2013.

Ron was raised around dairy and bought his first pig in high school in 1958, the first in a long career of showing. For decades, the Trostles have been involved in showing livestock and volunteering for livestock organizations. The 4-H program was a family affair as their children, Steve, Melissa, and Matt, all participated in 4-H. Ron and Yvonne were the York County swine club leaders for over 40 years. In 2009, Ron and Yvonne received the Pennsylvania 4-H Swine Leader award during the PA Farm Show. Ron also had the opportunity to judge livestock, which he did in eight states and at 39 county fairs. He enjoyed the experience as a great opportunity to meet a lot of new people and make friends. It was well known that Yvonne never left home without her homemade whoopie pies and peanut butter fudge.

The organizations Ron and Yvonne were involved with include the York State Fair, the county 4-H board of advisers, and the 4-H Center advisory board. Yvonne served as treasurer of the Mid-Atlantic Southdown Breeders Association for 28 years and served on the Pennsylvania Livestock Association board of directors. She served over 25 years on the KILE sheep committee. Ron still stays involved in agriculture as a lifetime member of the York Fair Agricultural Society, member of the York County Farm Bureau, and the Pennsylvania Livestock Association.