

# Michael, "thank you" hardly seems adequate

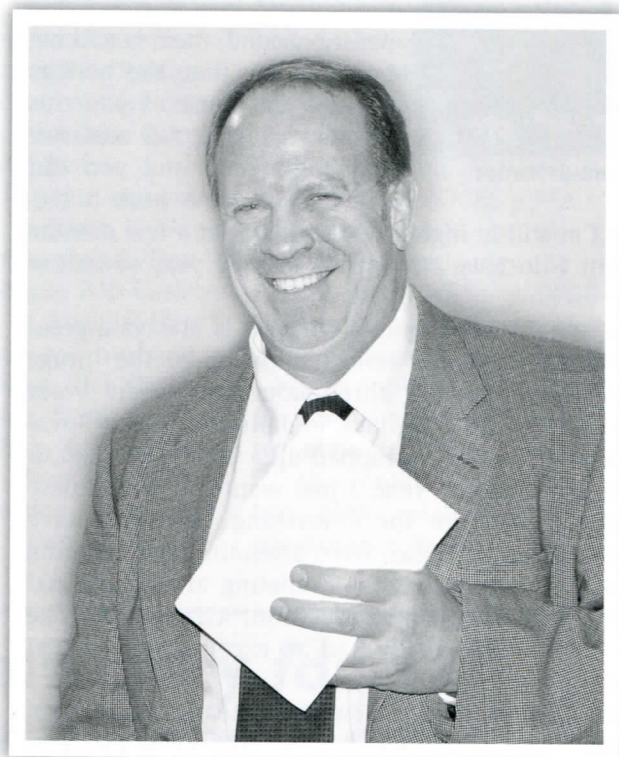
We first met Michael nearly 12 years ago, shortly after we established Wall Street Dairy and around the same time that he joined the staff of the *New York Holstein News*. From the very beginning, it was a collaborative partnership and friendship, based on the tremendous admiration and respect we have for Michael.

Starting with a barn full of Guernseys, we had a great deal to learn about Holsteins, and Michael was our mentor and teacher from the very beginning. He was always readily accessible, available and interested in helping us to get our herd established and promoted. He visited us in Chautauqua County often, and he always had very constructive feedback for what we should be doing to improve the genetics of our herd.

What many people don't know is that due to the insane schedule that I have been keeping the past several years due to my off farm job, many times Michael put our ads together on his own, with input from our farm manager, Greg Wolcott, and some of our other partners. He certainly knows the herd better than I do at this point, so I always trusted what he would prepare would be accurate and something that would put our farm in a positive light.

We realize that this isn't "good-bye," but merely extending a friend best wishes as he embarks on his new journey. I am confident that he will continue to be a close friend and advisor for us and for many of you for years to come.

Thank you, Michael. We are indebted and grateful.



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