

THE GARRISON FAMILY

Plant Burrus. Plant your legacy.

Longtime hog producers, the Garrison family has a long history with production agriculture. They also have a three generation legacy with Burrus Seed.

When he returned home from the service in 1959-1960, Bruce Garrison joined Burrus Seed as a Dealer. Bruce was known for always proudly wearing his Burrus cap. "I remember answering the company phone and hearing, "this is Bruce Garrison, down here at poverty hill," in his unique deep voice. He always made me laugh," recalls Todd Burrus. "True relationship is about helping others. Bruce lived it to the max."



Bruce Garrison in one of his many Burrus caps

Truly dedicated to Burrus growers, the family has grown test plots for over 25 years. This year, they have a research style plot with their goal being to help Burrus identify products that can work on their type of soils for their neighbors and themselves.



Brian, Levi and Bruce Garrison

In Bruce's last month he told his son Brian, "I just wish I was able to go walk that plot and see what the future had in store for us."

Bruce's wife, Mildred, was widely known for her famous homemade lunches by the crew delivering seed, they all loved to deliver to the Garrison's. The pies she baked were the talk of the break room!

Bruce's passion for the business was passed down and the dealership is now ran by his son, Brian and grandson, Levi. Levi is not only carrying on that family dealership, he was also a very loyal Burrus show pig customer.



Levi Garrison drives his York barrow, purchased from Burrus, at the Clay Co., IL fair (featured in the 2014 Harvest Report)

"We experienced consistency both in the field and show ring. The whole family has a clear eye for opportunity and value," said Todd Burrus.

We are so proud to work with this farm family from Clay Co., IL and look forward to continuing our legacy for years to come.



Sherman, Stella, Lavonne, Mildred, Norman and Bruce Garrison visiting the Burrus Seed booth at the Illinois State Fair.