



## SEASON'S GREETINGS

To our family and friends

Our grandfather Hugh (H.A.) Matt owned several farms around Carroll, Iowa in addition to his retail furniture business. His daughter and our mother Mary Ann recalled pheasant hunting with her dad on his farmland when she was a child as his "retriever dog." Mom inherited two of the adjacent farms that her dad had purchased in 1934 and 1937. Mom held onto these farms to have her own business and with the thought that she could always move her family onto the farms and live off the land if all else failed. Thank God that never happened!



Mom consolidated the two farms along the way and successfully managed the farm for over 50 years with the help of our brother Jim as her health declined in her later years. Mom enjoyed the farming business, and she kept it simple. As to playing the commodities market, Mom used to say that she knew it was time to sell "when she needed the money."

The farm is now held by Matt Farms, LLC and is managed by Papa Hugh's grandchildren and Mary Ann's sons Bill and Dick Mikos. We are proud to be the third generation of Matt farmers on the family farm and honored to be its caretakers.

Field corn and soybeans have been the main crops grown on the farm over the years, but Mom recalled Papa Hugh growing popcorn in the past. This year around 2 million pounds of yellow popcorn were grown and harvested on the 284 tillable acres of farmland and will be sold in retail stores as Orville Redenbacher and Jolly Time popcorn, under other private labels, as ACT 11 microwave popcorn and in movie theaters as popped corn.

Templeton Family Farms actually farms the land, and they gave us "a pile" of the popcorn harvested on the farm this year. We wanted to share a little of this popcorn and the Matt family farming history with you this holiday season. The popcorn is straight from the combine. It has not been sorted or sifted for commercial sale, but it is ready for you to pop and enjoy direct from the jar.

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from us at Matt Farms, and special thanks to our big sister Annie for helping us put all of this together for you!

Bill and Dick