



Frederick "Sid" McCoy Poffenberger was born March 11, 1916. Sid married Helen Durham on March 14, 1948. They were married for 61 years and have three sons, John, Rick, and Mark and also have 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Sid went to a 3 year high school in Rochester. His father said "I'll send you to the 4th year of high school in Springfield or you can start working on the farm." He began working on the farm that year. He has seen many changes in agriculture. When Sid began farming, he planted corn with a percheron mare and a boy mule with a chick planter. His first tractor was a Case steel wheeled tractor. He began harvesting corn by hand later began using a New Idea ear picker to fill the corn crib. His first combine was a Massey Ferguson 410.

Livestock has always been a big part of Sid's farming operation. He and his father went to Texas to buy cattle to raise and feed. Hogs have been on the farm from the beginning with sows and litters, 4-H pigs and market pigs.

Sid and Helen traveled to many places in the United States and around the world such as Greece, Europe, and the Panama Canal. If you would have asked him, he would have preferred to stay on the farm looking after the livestock or checking on the crops.

Sid was a 4-H leader for many years. He also was a member of the Rochester Masonic Lodge for over 50 years and a Shriner. Sid was also a member of the Rochester United Methodist Church.

**2011 Recipient  
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