



Charles Joseph Frazee was born on November 8, 1940 to Elmer and Helen Frazee, Divernon. After graduating from Pawnee High School he attended Western Illinois University for his undergraduate degree and then the University of Illinois for his Master's and Ph. D. in Agronomy. He married Lois Summers in 1965 and they have two children Laura (Joe) Pickrell and Joe (Sarah) Frazee and 4 grandchildren.

Chuck was a professor of Agronomy at South Dakota State University from 1969-1975. As a professor he taught soils and conducted research in remote sensing. In 1975, he returned to the family farm, Round Barn Farms Inc., to farm with his father and brother Tom. The farm became a sesquicentennial farm in 2012. Upon returning to the farm, Chuck expanded the hog operation to a 200 sow farrow to finish operation. They also raised corn and soybeans and were one of the early no-till farmers in the area.

Chuck was very active in Sangamon County Pork Producers and is well known for grilling some of the best pork chops in the area. He was a 4-H leader for 20 years. He has served on the Soil and Water District Board for over 35 years. He also served on the Farm Bureau Board for 9 years and has been on numerous committees within the Farm Bureau. He was appointed and served on the Illinois Fertilizer Research and Education Committee for 4 years. He was elected to serve on the Sangamon County FSA committee for 12 years. Chuck is a charter member of the Sugar Creek United Methodist Church in Chatham. He has served as trustee and a treasurer of the United Methodist Men's group.

He currently operates a soil consulting business that provides soil analysis for septic systems. He has operated Frazee Soil Consulting for 20 years and has served many area Farm Bureau members.

Chuck's comment: "Farming has seen many changes but soil conservation is still important for future generations to feed the world."

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