

# Steve & Marmien Pederson

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The historic Pederson Hereford Ranch was at one time probably the oldest intact herd of registered Herefords in Custer County and the surrounding territory. The registered herd was started in 1910 by P.R. Pederson, who homesteaded near Berwyn, Neb., in the 1880s.

Much of the herd descended from 18 head of Anxiety 4th bred cows purchased by Pederson to start the registered herd. The Pederson family often used the saying "We know the ancestors of our cows ... we raised them."

In 1928, Pederson's son Marmien returned to the ranch to enter into a partnership with this father. This type of relationship ensured a thorough knowledge of the line down through the years. Expansion and improvement were based on this thorough background, and the pride in the results ensured better quality cattle in every generation.

The father-son management relationship continued when Marmien's son Steve returned to the ranch in 1957, following a year of employment as a county agent in Lincoln County. Steve's wife Helen (daughter of another well-known Hereford breeder, Leslie Lomax) thoroughly enjoyed ranch life and their cattle business. In addition to private treaty sales, they established a joint production sale called the "All Aster Real" with Fairway Ranch (Everett and Velma Brown) of Valentine.

Steve and Helen had four children, Stuart, Cheryl, Korri and Stannon. Steve, who was considered a bright star on the horizon of livestock production, succumbed to injuries sustained on the ranch in November 1965. Steve had been a director of the Sandhills Cattle Association and president of the Central Nebraska Hereford Association.

The Steve Pederson Memorial Trophy was established in his memory and was awarded to a long list of prominent Hereford breeders. The trophy is now displayed by Nebraskans for Hereford Heritage.

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**ASTER'S**

ALL ASTER REAL  
**BULL SALE**  
AT THEFORD, NEBRASKA  
Monday, October 31  
1960  
W. EVERETT BROWN  
MARMIEN and STEVE PEDERSON

