

November 10, 2011

Mr. Nathan Poore, Manager
Town of Falmouth
271 Falmouth Road
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Dear Mr. Poore,

I'm writing to you with a request. Last month Falmouth lost a much-respected member of our community. Peter Zacharias grew up in Falmouth and graduated from Falmouth High School. As a boy he was introduced to the world of farming while working for his father at their farm on Eureka Road. He went to the University of Maine and earned a degree in agriculture, later taking over the family operation, which he maintained until his death. He was well-known and respected in dairy-breeding circles throughout the northeast and the Maritimes for his knowledge and expertise and for the quality of his herds. But beyond that, generations of Falmouth youth, boys and girls, worked for Peter on the farm; I've included the messages some of them have left on the Lindquist Funeral Home website guest book.

Because Peter obviously meant so much to so many kids, and because he was a Falmouth athlete when he was in school and continued to support Falmouth sports for his entire life, and because much of the land comprising the Community Park and its athletic fields once belonged to him, the idea of naming at least one field after Peter has been raised and met with strong support. There has even been a suggestion to name the entire facility after him, perhaps chiseling something like "Peter Zacharias Athletic Fields" on the bottom of the sign at the park entrance.

I spoke with Jay Reynolds, Director of Public Works, and he suggested we might start the process by writing to you. I would like to hear your thoughts as to the feasibility of doing something like this and what the next steps might be.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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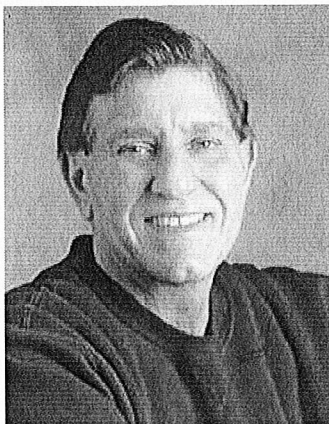
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In Memory of
Peter M. Zacharias

February 3, 1943 - October 7, 2011

Falmouth - Peter M. Zacharias, 68, died October 7, 2011, at his home on Zacharias Farm in Falmouth.

Mr. Zacharias was born February 3, 1943 in Portland, to Ernest and Dora (Boulay) Zacharias and spent his entire life on the family farm in Falmouth. He attended Falmouth High School and continued his education at the University of Maine, Orono, majoring in Animal Science.

Peter went on to own a successful dairy farm in Falmouth, winning many awards and being recognized nationally and abroad for his registered Holsteins. He won the New England Holstein Association's "Outstanding Young Holstein Breeder" in 1979 as well as the Maine's JayCee's "Outstanding Young Farmer" award in 1980. For many years "Zacharias Holsteins" herd classification scores were in the top 10% of all herds in the United States. Peter's cows were exhibited at National and International dairy competitions. He judged many dairy shows in the Northeast and Canada and was always interested in helping 4-H and younger exhibitors. The Falmouth Community Park now sits on property that Zacharias cows once grazed on.

Peter enjoyed watching sports on TV and attending games when he could. In 1980 he sponsored a youth basketball team which he was very proud of. "Grampa" liked spending time with his family and took pleasure in teaching his grandchildren about the dairy farm, even giving them rides on the backs of cows when they were little.

Peter is survived by his wife, Corrie (Nottingham) Zacharias of Falmouth and sister Elizabeth Moody of Cumberland, . His children and their spouses, David Zacharias of South Windsor, CT, Nancy Villacci of Farmington, Mark Zacharias of Falmouth, and Karen Zacharias Cowperthwaite of Portland and special family members Murray Spruce of Bolivia, NC and Dale Simmons of Brunswick, ME. His grandchildren Anna and Nicholas Zacharias of South Windsor, CT, Regina and Wesley Villacci of Farmington, and Eli & Lyle Cowperthwaite of Portland,

He was preceded in death by his father, Ernest Zacharias and mother, Dora (Boulay) Zacharias.