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Iowa Man Posthumously Honored as Gelbvieh Hall of Fame Inductee

Tony Hayek of Clutier, Iowa, was posthumously inducted into the American Gelbvieh Association Hall of Fame during the 2008 American Gelbvieh Association (AGA) Convention in Denver, Colo. Hayek passed away due to a tractor accident in June 2002. His family was on hand to accept his award during the Convention in Denver.

Tony Hayek began running his family's farm in 1976 as a senior in high school due to the untimely death of his father. He raised row crops, but his real passion was the cattle business. He became actively involved with the Gelbvieh breed after trying several of the "new" continental breeds via artificial insemination. Gelbvieh came to the top quickly and Hayek began actively building his registered herd. He and his wife, Barb, traveled extensively in the Midwest to exhibit and promote this growing breed. Hayek served on the American Gelbvieh Association Board of Directors, as well as the Gelbvieh Breeders of Iowa Board of Directors.

Tony and Barb's children, Tina, Stan, Shellina and Janelle, also became active in the junior programs and showing cattle at regional and national junior shows. Tony was a strong supporter of youth and believed that kids and Gelbvieh cattle were an unbeatable team.

Today, the Hayek cattle tradition continues with Hayek Gelbvieh, as well as Tina (Hayek) Cibula and her husband, Matt, also running a Gelbvieh cattle operation. Tony Hayek enjoyed Gelbvieh cattle and the people involved in the Gelbvieh breed. His contributions were recognized with his posthumous induction into the AGA Hall of Fame.

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Accepting Tony Hayek's posthumous induction into the American Gelbvieh Association Hall of Fame was the Tony Hayek family. Hayek was honored during the 2008 AGA Convention. Pictured from left: Stan Hayek, Barb Hayek, Shellina Hayek, Janelle Hayek and Tina (Hayek) Cibula.

