

**Ralph Albertus Hoxie, II**  
**(August 15, 1944 – August 11, 2011)**

Ralph Albertus Hoxie, II, died with his family near, on Aug. 11, 2011.

He was born to Ralph and Loraine Hoxie in Grosse Pointe Farms, on Aug. 15, 1944.

Ralph-known as Chip, grew up in West Bloomfield, where he nurtured his love of the land as a young entrepreneur with mowing and haying services, honey and cider production and a roadside stand to bring it to the public.

Chip graduated from West Bloomfield High and later from Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural science. He spent a year in India with the International Farm Youth Exchange Program and then returned to Michigan to farm in several communities in the state. He also worked at Basic Service Corp., selling technical measuring devices.

His last farm was Green Hills Angus in Ubly. Personal difficulties and then illness kept him from the farm for many years, but he never stopped believing that just a little more effort would make the farm of his dreams into reality. This was a man who would help you even when he had problems of his own and never would he disparage others as he went through life. We will miss him and his gentle way.

He is survived by his beloved children, Elizabeth, Rob (Catherine), and Ryan; a grandchild Nikolai; siblings, Doug (Cyndi), Fredricka Ann, Brian (Michele) and Michael (Kim); many nieces and nephews. He leaves as friends his ex-wives, Leah Hoxie and Nancy Spencer.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service is planned at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2011 at Community of Christ Church, 5448 Shabonna Road.