

2020 Hall of Fame Recipients

Mike & Karen Shuffield



Our story began in the middle 80's while attending the Ft. Worth Livestock Show. We were intrigued with a display of beautiful white cattle with black points. The fascination continued as their owner, Mr. Cowan, talked with us in detail about the breeds origin & history. We were then invited to his farm in Grandview, TX, to look over his herd of 100 animals. He was not interested in selling any animals at this time, however Mike was determined to purchase a few. After walking the entire herd in the rain, Mr. Cowan, relented and allowed Mike to purchase a Bull & 3 Cows. This is how our history with White Park began. Later that same year Mike convinced Mr. Cowan to sell him 5 heifers. As time went on we were fortunate enough to attend a sale of Parks put on by Dr Cliff Whitmore in Arkansas & later visited the farm of Dave Poplin in Oklahoma where we purchased more animals to complete our herd which eventually grew to over 80 head. Mike was then asked to fill a place on the Board of Directors, which he did for a few years. This was the most challenging times for the board, which went thru being served legal papers & turmoil over breed regulations.

During the hard times the board stuck by its beliefs, for the future of the White Park Cattle. Some members at the time broke off & formed the British White Park Association.

In order to further interest in the breed we continued to put on a display at the Ft. Worth Livestock Show for 2 years & assumed the responsibility of displaying in Springfield, Mo. For the next 12.

There was not enough interest or animals to have a show until we started picking up new members & old ones with great new ideas. Thanks to people like John Gempler, Glenn Wenger, Kevin Wolf, Larry Fedler, Dave Slater & Doug Bledsoe an interest in sales & showing began & our cattle took off. Here we are today, with the best breed & membership.

We have made the best life-long friends during our White Park Journey, & even though we are no longer showing our animals, we enjoy visiting at the various events.

We would like to THANK the Board of Directors & the entire membership for our induction into the White Park Cattle Hall Of Fame.

No greater honor could be bestowed on your Texas Friends.

Thanks Again,
Karen & Mike Shuffield