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**Resolution in Memoriam
Lucien D. Paquette
Emeriti Extension Professor
1916-2021**

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UVM Extension and the Vermont community mourn the loss of Lucien Paquette who passed away on November 23, 2021.

Born in Craftsbury, VT in 1916, Lucien grew up working on the family dairy farm. He graduated *magna cum laude* from UVM in 1940 and began a long career with UVM Extension as a County Agent in Grand Isle County and subsequently in Addison County. Throughout his career with Extension he was the epitome of the County Agent; developing strong connections in his community, listening to his neighbors, cultivating relationships and educational programs that extended the research of the academy to those in the field who needed it.

Lucien's career in Extension is perhaps best summarized in his own words. He described his career as "helping people to help themselves." His contemporaries remember him as someone who worked tirelessly to help people make informed decisions that could improve their lives, their businesses, and their communities. He was instrumental in starting the Addison County Farm and Home Field Days in 1948, an annual August gathering incorporating four key elements: education, youth, family, and agricultural community. He was also the first superintendent of the UVM Morgan Horse Farm. Lucien was inducted into the Vermont Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2014.

He is remembered not only for what he did, but how he did. Described as an organizer who sought out the best in people he is remembered as someone who was genuinely present with you and made you feel special when you were speaking with him. He was small in stature but shared his big heart and endless will with the world.

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