

## **Buck Family Barn Quilt**

The farm family chosen for the fourth barn quilt was the Buck family, the 1991 Century Farm Award recipient. The Buck farm is located at W3897 State Highway 64 east of Merrill.

The farm where the quilt is hung was established in 1874 by the Buck family and passed down to William Buck and later to Lloyd Buck, Sr. and his wife Ruth. In 1912, a fire destroyed the farm as well as 22 other farms. Disaster struck again in 1970 when a tornado destroyed a barn. After their father Lloyd Buck, Sr. retired from dairy farming, sons Lloyd Jr. and David continued to operate the farm with their father raising beef cattle and hay and corn crops. Today, grandsons Matt and Paul Buck have joined their uncle and father in operating the family farm where they continue to raise beef cattle and cash crops.

Working with Natalie Watland, an artist from the Tomahawk area, the family designed a quilt pattern incorporating a buck deer in honor of Lloyd Buck, Sr. The hanging of the quilt was done by the RTL Electric of Merrill.

Ruth Buck and her family take great pride in their farm and hope that it will always stay in the Buck family.