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KALIES FARM

The farm was purchased by Melvin and Rita Soderbeck in March of 1976. They wanted to raise their children on a farm, and they taught them all about hard work, responsibility and integrity. They milked 27 cows, raised pigs and chickens, and daughter Debra raised a horse there.

In 1991, Melvin had a stroke which forced the family to have an auction. Daughter Debra (Soderbeck) Kalies was happy to be able to purchase the farm so that she could teach those same values to her own children.

Unfortunately, over time the original dairy barn collapsed; but the memories still remain for the family. A horse barn was built in 1994 by Spikes Construction, and they were able to use an original board from the dairy barn in this new one.

The horse barn is currently a private facility owned by Todd Kalies and his wife Debra (Soderbeck) Kalies, and they hope to start raising mules there. Their goal is to raise their own children Juda and Madison in this “down to earth” setting and to preserve their 70 acres for future generations.