

It began with a Freshman dance at Hoagland High School for Michael and Betty (Barclay) Pequignot, both are graduates of the Class of 1956. Married in 1958, they will celebrate 59 years of marriage in September.

The Hoagland couple purchased the Hayloft in 1975 at a Wiegmann Auction, and moved their family into the 1850's two story home located on the property. And so, began an adventure like no other, working as a team the family grew closer with every year. Plenty of chores to keep the children busy, exhausting property maintenance for Mike after he returned home each night from his factory job and endless cooking and cleaning for Betty. Mostly it was a life of laughs, lessons and memories. The first dance was held in the Hayloft in 1947, making this the 70th Anniversary for the Dance Hall / Reception Hall. The sight of traditions and celebrations for almost every member of our community of Hoagland. After 25 years Mike & Betty sold the Hayloft to their daughter and her husband, Jill & Jim Griebel in 2000. The Griebels are the current owners.

Mike & Betty are members of St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Church, where they have volunteered in many capacities for over fifty years. Mike is also a 42 year member of the Heritage Lions Club.

Mike was employed the Harvester Corp. and East Allen County Schools, Betty was a homemaker and the talented hands in the Hayloft kitchen for over twenty-five years.

The Pequignots are parents to Julie (Jeff) Nolan, Jan (Vince) Knueve, Jill (Jim) Griebel, Jodi (Greg) Meyers and Michael (Rhonda) Pequignot. Grandchildren: Amanda, Ashley, Krista, Matthew, Kelly, Nikki, Adam, Ben, Jake, Joe, Rachel, Amy and James as well as Great Grand Parents to twelve.