



GROUND COVERS UNLIMITED 2009



The passage following appeared in the memorial notices of our local newspaper this past summer. We didn't know the person but this passage in his memory was so touching that we felt it was worth writing about. Nowhere, in anything we have ever read, have we seen these lines before. To have lived, such that someone thought these words summed up your life, is in our opinion, of considerable accomplishment. Just as agriculture is the foundation of the food industry, so is nursery production to the horticultural industry. A lifetime committed to nursery production is a lifetime of passionate belief in the greater value and good of what you do.

But you're not alone because this is not a singular endeavor. Your family is inevitably committed as well and ultimately the reward is the acknowledgement that what you do is meaningful. Only one other gesture matters more and that is your children's participation in your livelihood.

The contribution that growers make to quality of life starts at home and radiates outwards through our children and our products. The belief in what we do is the industry's greatest shared strength. If we are all thought of by friends and family the way this man was thought of, then we truly have accomplished something. And so it still holds true that a nursery can be so much more than just a nursery.

Until further we remain,

Yours truly,

Ted, Sandy and family

FARMER'S CREED



I believe a man's greatest possession is his dignity
and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming.

I believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character.

I believe that farming, despite its hardships and disappointments, is the most honest
and honorable way a man can spend his days on this earth.

I believe farming nurtures the close family ties that make life rich in ways money can't buy.

I believe my children are learning values that will last a lifetime
and can be learned in no other way.

I believe farming provides education for life and that no other occupation teaches
so much about birth, growth and maturity in such a variety of ways.

I believe many of the best things in life are indeed free: the splendor of a sunrise,
the rapture of wide-open spaces, and the exhilarating sight of your land greening each spring.

I believe that true happiness comes from watching your crops ripen in the field,
your children grow tall in the sun and that your whole family feels the pride
that springs from their shared experience.

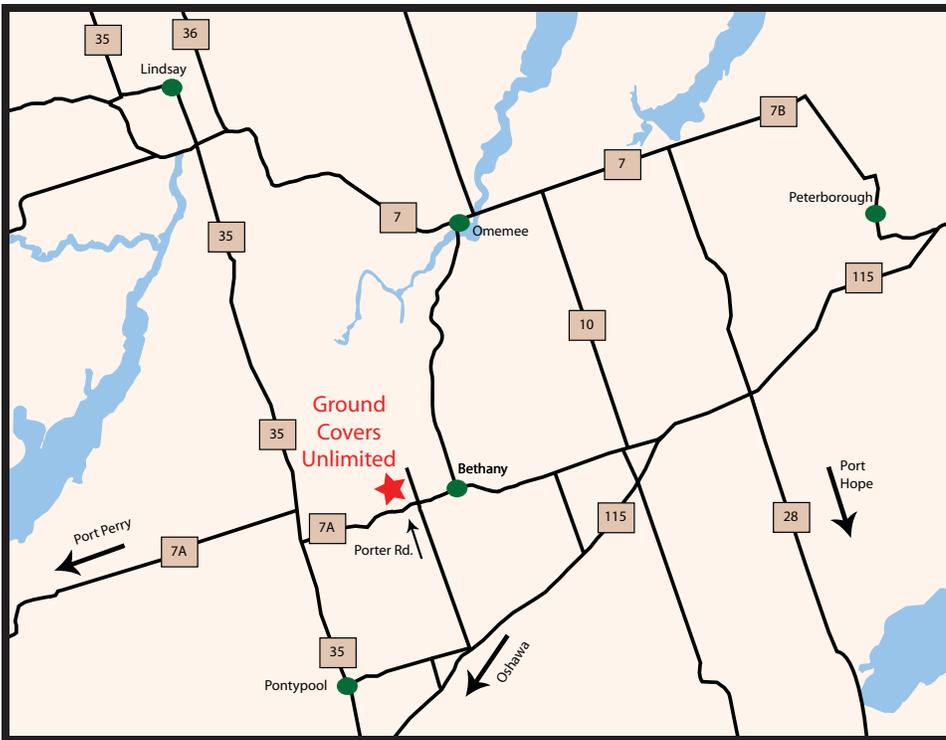
I believe that by my toil I am giving more to the world than I am taking from it;
an honor that does not come to all men.

I believe my life will be measured ultimately by what I have done for my fellow man,
and by this standard I fear no judgment.

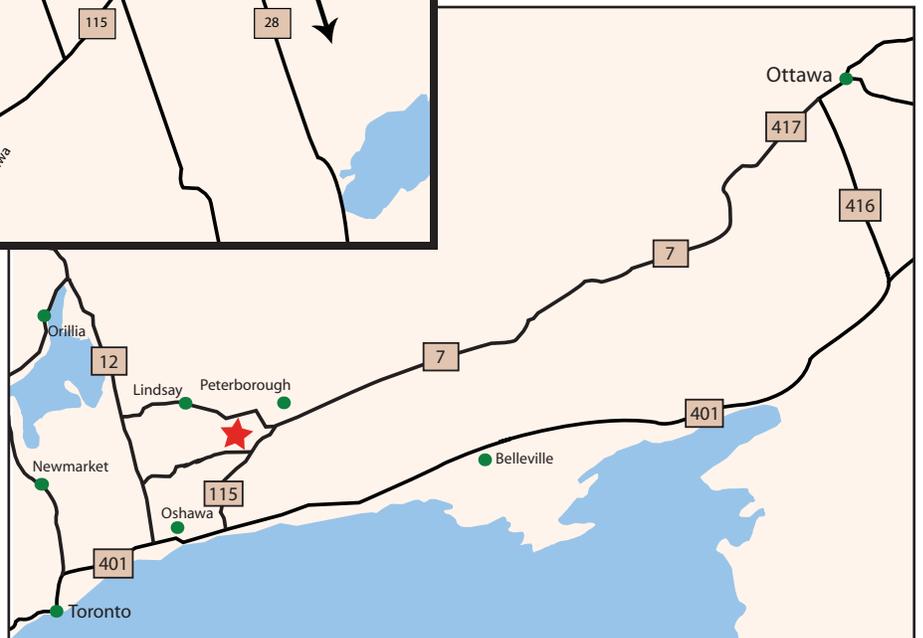
I believe when a man grows old and sums up his days,
he should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life he's lived.



**I BELIEVE IN FARMING
BECAUSE IT MAKES ALL THIS POSSIBLE.**



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