

Howard served as President of the Manitoba Angus Association in 1957, and as Vice President in 1956. He also founded the South Brandon 4-H Beef Club in 1952, an organization that was active for over 60 years.

Howard and his family at Angus Valley exhibited the Grand Champion Bull, Estons Pride of Angus Valley and the Grand Champion female, Pride of AV of Canada, at the 1957 Brandon Winter Fair.

In the summer of 1957, the McRae family hosted the Manitoba Angus Association tour, a very successful event attended by 650 people from all over the province. The McRae family organized workshops and demonstrations for all those in attendance and provided a barbeque beef for supper.

Howard was a tireless supporter and promoter of the Angus breed and showed steers and breeding cattle across Canada. He had an idea to select Angus show cattle from breeders and take a show string on the Western show run to Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon and Regina. What a great undertaking for Howard to organize these events and a great promotion for the Manitoba Angus breeders.

Unfortunately, Howard and two of his sons were killed in a car accident in 1970. Two sons, Doug and Bruce survived. After many years, Howard's youngest son Bruce has started up the Angus Valley name again with a small herd of Angus in the Manitoba area.

Howard McRae was a well respected leader and loved Angus cattle.