

## Alumnus's new book to be available during Reunion Weekend

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Harold C. Snyder of Alfred, AU class of 1955, has written a book, "Harvest of Life," which will be available in the AU Bookstore after Wednesday, June 10. The book is subtitled: "Treasured Memories, Loving Relationships and Lessons Learned During a Lifetime on Edgewood Farm in Alfred, NY." Books may also be purchased directly from Harold by calling (607) 587-8554, or going to 1270 Randolph Road, Alfred. The books should be available at amazon.com later this month. "I helped my Dad compile and edit this book. It has what I think is broad appeal because there are several different aspects that are covered." "One of my dad's gifts is that of being a great story teller. He has unusually vivid memories of experiences from his early childhood years on. Often after having dinner, we would sit around the kitchen table with family and friends of all ages as our Dad would tell us stories. We were so thankful when he decided to write some of them up for his grandchildren in 1989. "After many of his stories were printed in the local Alfred Sun newspaper during the village's centennial year (2007), some readers called to find out if the stories were in book form. Sun publisher Dave Snyder and I suggested that Dad ought to self publish a book. One thing led to another, and now, a year later we have "Harvest of Life" coming out the second week of June. "At my urging, Dad penned other stories specifically for this book which include village stories and poignant experiences from more recent times, many of which my sisters and I lived through with our parents on the family farm. His natural love of history is reflected in the rest of the selections which give some of the farming history of Alfred and the history of Edgewood Farm in particular. "Whether you are looking for bedtime stories for your children or grandchildren or if you just love to reminisce about life during simpler but often challenging times, this book will both tug at your heart and bring a smile to your lips as you read it." Sandra Snyder McGraw