

## SPOTLight Offerman family believes in Local 655

Over 100 years of Union membership! That's not a claim every member can make, but Jim Offerman can. His father, Bernie, was a UFCW member until his death in 1978. He worked for Kroger and was a proud member.

Jim's mom, Virginia Offerman-Leonard, was also a long-time member, spending 32 years at Bettendorf-Rapp (now Schnucks Markets). After retiring she continued to work at Schnucks for another seven years as a part-timer. She is now an active member of the UFCW retirees club.

Then, there's Jim who started out at Kroger where he worked for 16 years. He then went to Price Chopper where he spent nine years before settling in at Dierberg's as an assistant grocery manager, a position he has held for the past 15 years. Jim says that being in a union has provided his family with a comfortable life-

style over these many years. It has also afforded him the ability to spend his free time building his own home as well as creating the landscaping and gardens he so enjoys.

Hats off to an inspirational family with 111 years of Local 655 involvement, and still going strong!



**JIM OFFERMAN**