

A Tribute to
Joe Rumpza – The Vegetable King
1923 - 2002

POTATOES, TOMATOES, PUMPKINS, AND GREENS,
SUMPTUOUS SWEET CORN, ALL SORTS OF BEANS,
CANTALOUPE, HONEYDEW, NAME ANY MELON,
PLANTED THEN RIPENED, SOON READY FOR SELLIN'.

WHAT SORT OF HARD-WORKIN' SON-OF-GUN,
COULD GET THINGS TO MARKET, GET THE JOB DONE?
JOE RUMPZA! JOE RUMPZA! A NAME KNOWN TO ALL,
THE FARMERS MARKET FARMER... SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL.

SO HERE'S TO JOE RUMPZA, A TIPPECANOE TREASURE!
GOLDEN HARVEST WITH A FRESH BREATH OF SPRING!
THE JOYS THAT HE BROUGHT WERE HIS AND OUR PLEASURE!
TOAST JOE RUMPZA – THE VEGETABLE KING !!!

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