

HERITAGE FOUNDATION INDUCTS FIVE

Heritage Foundation recipients honored at the 2021 Angus Convention.

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The American Angus Association celebrates the innovators and visionaries of the Angus breed through the Heritage Foundation each year. Five members who embody heritage, tradition and legacy were inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation during the Awards Dinner Nov. 7, at the 2021

National Angus Convention & Trade Show in Fort Worth, Texas.

Over the past 130 years, *the Business Breed* has proven itself to be an industry leader. Inductees of the Heritage Foundation are individuals who have built a reputation based on their drive, ambition and forward-thinking attitude.

The 2021 inductees are Margaret Dreesmann, Saint Joseph, Mo.; Bob Funk, Yukon, Okla.; Billy Maples, Elkmont, Ala.; Charles A. McPeake (posthumously), Arnoldsville, Ga.; and Frank Schiefelbein, Kimball, Minn.

MARGARET DREESMANN



Dreesmann was just 21 years old when she began her career at the American Angus Association in 1967.

The Saint Joseph, Mo., native had no computer experience and had

attended a few years of junior college, when a high school friend referred Dreesmann to be her replacement as a computer programmer at the Association.

During her 54 years with the Association, Dreesmann played a vital role in improving the breed and protecting the Angus data and its integrity.

At the office she was known as the “Performance Queen” for her wealth of knowledge about the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) and performance programs. She was the programmer for the qualifying Pathfinder® cows and bulls each year

and the semiannual Sire Evaluation Report. Dreesmann was responsible for the programming and testing expected progeny differences (EPDs) and the Angus National Cattle Evaluation, as well as registration and transfer applications.

She was also instrumental in the implementation of the programming that makes the Angus office’s one-day turnaround possible, and her work continued to improve the efficiency of office workflow and processes. She made those improvements with dedication, passion, care and kindness.

BOB FUNK



Funk was raised in Duvall, Wash., where he grew up working on a family-owned dairy farm that created

his love for farming and livestock. However, when he tried purchasing the dairy, his family encouraged him to attend college and pursue a career off the farm.

Following college, Funk started at ACME Personnel, a Washington-based staffing company. He was then transferred to Oklahoma. During his time in Oklahoma, Funk's love for cattle persisted as he purchased his first herd in the late '80s.

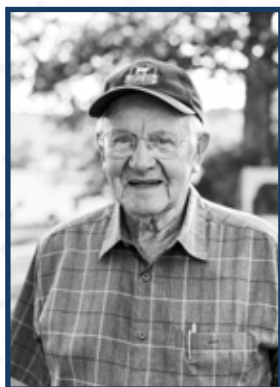
Fast forward to 1996, Funk and Jarold Callahan purchased their first Angus herd, which affected the

trajectory of Express Ranches.

Twenty-five years later, Funk has built one of the largest seedstock operations in the United States, while simultaneously being involved in all other facets of beef production.

Beyond the cattle business, Funk strongly believes in the next generation of agriculturists. This prompted the creation of the Express Scholarship Program, where more than \$3 million dollars have been awarded to America's youth.

BILLY MAPLES



In existence for 200 years, Maples Stock Farm got into the Angus beef business in 1937 when Mack Maples started his first Angus line of cattle. Their son, Billy, one of Mack and

Doris Maples' five children, has been passionate about Angus cattle his entire life. With the sale of a grand champion 4-H steer in 1948, Billy purchased eight Angus heifers to begin his own herd.

Maples is a graduate of Auburn University, earning his bachelor's degree in animal science. After graduation, Maples returned home to continue growing his operation.

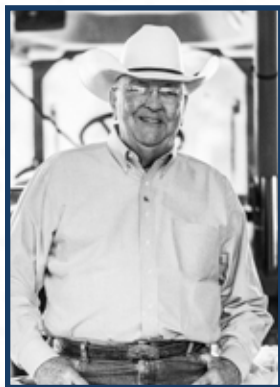
He was an early adopter of performance testing and artificial insemination (AI) and participated in the Auburn University Bull Test for years, having the high-selling bull numerous times.

Off the farm, Maples has an extensive history with the Alabama Farmers' Federation and has had leadership responsibilities with the Alabama Cattlemen's Association, Alabama Angus Association and the American Angus Association.

Family plays an important role in Maples Stock Farm's success. Billy's son, Tommy, and grandson, Ben, currently manage the farm alongside him. Billy's passion for the Angus breed is shared by his three children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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CHARLES MCPEAKE



McPeake, a Tennessee native, was raised on a diversified grain and livestock farm and was active in 4-H and FFA livestock competitions. He has owned Angus cattle since 1970.

McPeake earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee-Martin in 1968 and went

on to work for the University of Tennessee Cooperative Extension Service. He earned a master's degree in 1974 from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and a doctorate in animal breeding and genetics from Michigan State University in 1977.

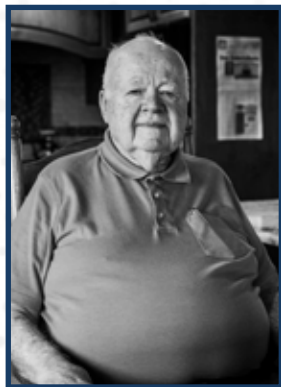
From 1977 to 1990, McPeake served South Dakota and Oklahoma as a beef cattle breeding specialist. The University of Georgia (UGA) named him professor and head of extension animal science in 1990 with program responsibility for extension animal science, dairy science and veterinary medicine beginning in 1993. In 1997 he became coordinator of extension programs for the College of Agriculture-Natural Resources and Family and Consumer Sciences. Since

his retirement in 2005, he and his son Andrew have worked together to grow their Angus seedstock operation.

McPeake was involved in many organizations, serving the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF), and having affiliations with the American Angus Association; American Society of Animal Science; American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists; Gamma Sigma Delta honor society, Alpha Zeta honor society; Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity; cattlemen's organizations at local, state and national levels; the American Quarter Horse Association; and the Mount Rushmore Masonic Lodge #220.

McPeake passed away Dec. 18, 2020.

FRANK SCHIEFELBEIN



Schiefelbein Farms was established in 1955 by two city kids with a desire to raise the best beef possible and to do it as a family.

Frank and Frosty have seen that dream come to fruition as they have

watched their boys grow and take part in farm life. "Grandma Frosty" and "Big Frank" have nine sons, 32 grandkids and 21 great-grandkids. They have grown the farm into the largest registered Angus operation in Minnesota and the 37th-largest seedstock operation across all breeds.

Frank and Frosty have kept it a family operation. Seven of their nine sons work at the farm full-time, with the eighth still helping on weekends. Four grandchildren work for the operation full-time, and more are hoping to return after college.

Throughout the years, Frank, Frosty and their sons have worked to improve the Angus breed and

the cattle industry. As forward-thinkers, the Schiefelbeins have been proponents of differentiating price based on the quality of the cattle. Frank believes you don't need to be a low-cost producer to be profitable.

The Schiefelbeins are always moving forward. Whether it be keeping diligent records, implementing artificial insemination (AI) strategies or offering a buyback program, they are focused on the future for their family operation.

Editor's note: To learn more about the Angus Heritage Foundation and those inducted since its inception, visit <https://angusawards.com/>.