

# NEWSMAKERS

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*Within this “Newsmakers” column we share important news and accomplishments of our members, including state association activities, birth and marriage announcements, and news of Angus members’ passing.*

## In Passing

**Joe Carrol Stephens**, 76, Kenton, Tenn., died, June 29, 2021.

He was a believer in his Lord Jesus Christ and an active member of the First Baptist Church in Kenton, where he had served as a deacon and Sunday school director. He was an active member of the West Tennessee Angus Association and served as president.

While the world has lost a great husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, friend and man of God, we know he is celebrating and worshipping at the feet of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has left a godly legacy for all to follow.

Joe is survived by his wife, Linda; children, Allan (Beverly), Amye (Rodney) and Abbye (Gregg); seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brothers, Marlon (Virginia) and William (Katherine); sister, Lajune; and many nieces and nephews.



**John Jay Mangen**, 66, Broadus, Mont., died Oct. 24, 2021.

John was born to Chris and Loretta Mangen Aug. 29, 1955.

John grew up on his family ranch with his older brother, Chris, and younger brother, Dan.

Even as a little kid, he always wanted to go with his dad, even if it

was just to sit with him on a tractor plowing on a hot, dusty afternoon.

John graduated from Powder River County High School in 1973 and moved to Miles City to study electronics at Miles City Community College. He graduated in 1975.

He worked as a mechanic along with numerous other duties at Mac’s Frontierland before returning to the ranch.

During his time in Miles City, he met Pamela Hewett, and the two were wed Aug. 7, 1976. A year later in December, they welcomed their first daughter, Melissa. Shortly after that, John moved back to Broadus to work with his father and continued to build Mangen Angus Ranch.

In August of 1980, he welcomed his second daughter, Amanda. John was a devoted father to his daughters.

John married Mary Alice Bilbrey July 2, 2005, at the ranch. They made a home together at the homeplace in Broadus, Mont. Between the two of them they have five children, Melissa (Kevin), Amanda (Hal), Josh (Jana), Jiggs (Marlee), and daughter-in-law, Trish; 19 grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of many other relatives and friends.

Together with his dad, they built the Mangen Angus Ranch that is known across the tristate area for their outstanding Angus cattle.

Throughout John’s life, Masonry

was very important to him. He was inspired by his dad and his uncle Pete to join the fraternity. He became a master mason in 1992. In 1999 John was asked to become a part of the Grand Lodge Line of Montana. This was a journey of 11 years, ending with him being the grand master (poohbah) of the Masons of Montana in 2010-11. This was a proud moment for John and his family.

In 2018 John and Mary Alice purchased land at Keyhole Reservoir. There they created a second home, the lake house.



**Arlo Janssen**, 82, died in Klamath Falls, Ore., Nov. 4, 2021.

He was born Jan. 8, 1939, to

Herschel “Pete” Janssen and Marian Craig Janssen. He married Abbie Ryan March 17, 1967, and they had one daughter, Andra Campbell, Dec. 15, 1971. Arlo and Abbie divorced in 1973.

Arlo was active in sports in high school and received a full-ride scholarship to Kansas State University for basketball. In typical Arlo style, he walked into and out of his first classroom the same day. He served in the Army from 1961-1963, stationed in Paris.

Arlo’s passion was showing cattle. From his hometown of Lorraine, Kan.,

he had a farm and started fitting and showing registered Hereford cattle.

He formed Mid-America Cattle Co., a professional fitting and showing service, and he hauled cattle all over the country. Arlo moved to Darby, Mont., continuing on with his fitting service.


Arlo exhibited the grand champion bull at five of the nine ROM shows in 1984. He was named top herdsman during the 1984 stock show.

Shifting between Montana, Wyoming and Colorado, Arlo continued showing cattle and spending the summers in the mountains horseback, which was his other passion.

Arlo judged several county fairs, state fairs and jackpot shows — including the 1972 National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest in Lexington, Ky.; 1981 Western Junior Livestock Show in Rapid City, S.D.; 2004 Arizona National; 1987 Western National Angus Futurity; and Cow Palace in San Francisco, Calif.

In the mid-'90s, Arlo purchased a handful of cows from Green Gardens Angus Farm, which was his dad and brother, Dick's, operation. Arlo bred most of the cows to TC Stockman and made a run of his own in the registered Angus world, showing TJ Amigo and TJ Poppy to several championship banners.

Having now acquired Roll of Victory (ROV) bull of the year and heifer of the year on his own, he continued showing and fitting cattle for himself and others.

Arlo spent the last years of his life with his daughter in Klamath Falls, Ore. He is survived by his daughter, Andra; brother, Richard "Dick;" sisters, Arvo and Joyce; two grandchildren; and many great friends. 



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