

# 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



**Michael “Mike” McCravy**, 63, of Bowdon, Ga., passed away Nov. 14, 2022. He was born Feb. 6, 1959, in Villa Rica, Ga., the son of the

late Gelon McCravy and the late Barbara Waldrop McCravy.

Mike graduated from Douglas County High School in 1977 and retired in January 2002 as a lieutenant with the Douglas County Fire Department with 25 years of service. In 1999 he and his wife, Christy, started MM Cattle Co., a purebred Angus cattle farm in Bowdon, Ga.

He was involved in many cattle organizations over the years. He served as president of the Georgia Cattlemen’s Association 2008-2009; member and past president of the Carroll County Cattlemen’s Association; and a lifetime member of the American Angus Association, where he served on the Board of Directors from 2015-2021.

In 2018 he received the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Award, and also served as Director of the Carroll County Livestock Sales Barn. Mike was also a member of the Carroll County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, and a member of the Carroll County Young Farmers Association. He was a

member of Ephesus Baptist Church in Ropville, Ga.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Christy Smith McCravy; sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Mike; parents-in-law, J. B. and Carolyn; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Russell and Dena; uncle, Tommy; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews; and two special grandchildren of the heart, Annie and Sam.



**Myron R. Benes**, 69, of Albion, Neb., died Nov. 3, 2022, at his home.

He was born Jan. 4, 1953, in Lincoln, Neb., to Ermin Cyril and Delores Marie (Potter) Benes. Myron attended school at Bishop Neumann in Wahoo, Neb., and graduated with the class of 1971.

Before graduation Myron enlisted in the Army National Guard in 1970, and was discharged in 1977. He farmed with his family in Valparaiso. Myron and his brother Melvin met a man by the name of Jim Wolf, for whom they would later show cattle. He encouraged Myron to move to Albion, Neb., to work for him.

July 22, 1978, Myron was united in marriage to Karen Stevens at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lincoln, Neb. The couple moved to Albion

in 1978, where they began their life together and raised their two sons.

Myron worked for the Wolf family and Wagonhammer Ranch.

Myron’s specialty was in sales consulting with breeding programs. He was a member of many cattle organizations, including Boone-Nance Cattlemen, Nebraska Cattlemen, American Angus Association, Simmental Association, Charolais Association and Nebraska Elite Beef. In addition to his cattle, Myron enjoyed helping his boys and grandchildren with their show cattle, along with many other kids in 4-H and FFA.

Myron is a member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Albion, Neb. He is also a member of the American Legion Post #371 in Valparaiso, Neb.

Myron is survived by his wife, Karen; sons, Mark (Aliscia) and Kevin (Laura); eight grandchildren; mother, Delores; brothers and sisters, Fred (Lynn), Dan (Collie), Ron (Sue), Diane (Steve), Mike (Joyce) and Denise (Judd); brothers-in-law, Ed, Bill, Jim (Cindy) and Russell; sister-in-law, Lona; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. 