

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



James L. “Jim” Hurlbut, 88, of Clark, S.D., died Nov. 10, 2020, following a brief illness.

Jim was born in Raymond Township on June 28, 1932, in Raymond, S.D., to Lester and Mattie “Young” Hurlbut. The family started Hurlbut Angus in 1943, which is a 77-year historic Angus herd.

Jim attended school in Raymond, where he played basketball and baseball. This is where his love of sports started. He graduated from Raymond High School in 1950. Jim served in the military from 1953 to 1955 as a Corporal in the U.S. Army.

He married Darlene Corkin in 1951, and they were blessed with their son, Rod, in 1956 and daughter, Tami, in 1959. The couple would later divorce.

Jim married Janet Hanson on Dec. 8, 1979, and gained stepchildren, Scott, Bruce and Pam.

Jim kept busy as he officiated basketball games, served as a member of the SD Jaycees, filled the role of president and member of the South Dakota Angus Association, and held a lifetime membership with the American Angus Association.

He was delighted *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB) selected Hurlbut Angus to have the CAB logo (one of 40

painted on the barn. He was one of the original members of the Raymond 4-H Club, a Clark County 4-H leader for 30 years, a member of the American Legion Baker Post #209 in Raymond and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Raymond.

He loved his family above everything, and he was a very proud man. You could always find him in the bleachers at Clark Comets/ Cyclones events. Jim loved hunting pheasants and deer with family and friends. Opening weekend was a national holiday.

Jim was a St. Louis Cardinal fan from the time he could swing a bat. He thoroughly enjoyed going to the farm every day and attending the events of grandkids and great-grandkids, livestock shows, rodeos and sporting events. Jim was an avid storyteller, but whether they were tall tales or the truth was for listeners to decide.

Jim is survived by his wife, Janet; children, Rod, Tami, Scott and Bruce; 19 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; brother, Dean; sisters-in-law Wylla; Arlene; Darlene; and Peggy.

Richard Lee Samuelson, 84, died Nov. 24, 2020. He was born Sept. 25, 1936, in North Platte, Neb. His parents were Walter and Zdenka



Samuelson. Walt was a newspaper editor/ photographer. The family lived in North Platte and Scottsbluff, Neb.;

Kittridge, Colo.; and Miami, Fla.

Richard was a graduate of St. Patrick’s School in North Platte and received his accounting degree from Wichita State and University of Alabama. After military service, he worked for Boeing in Wichita and Huntsville in the Saturn 5 project (the moon shot). He later was the Eastern Seaboard controller for Hygrade Foods and in 1980 moved to Oklahoma, where he worked for Cudahy and then Bar S Foods.

Richard was a student of Angus history and pedigrees and bred a quality herd of Angus cattle. He served the Oklahoma Angus Association (OAA) as secretary for decades. He treated this volunteer job with the same professionalism and accuracy he brought to Bar S Foods in his working career. With Richard keeping records, you never had to question if they were correct.

He also represented OAA breeders across the world. He attended the Angus Secretariat and World Angus Forum on several continents and was one of the few people who could tell you the difference between the

two. He was in all 50 states and on six of the seven continents, many of his trips were with the World Angus Association. He also enjoyed cruises.

On July 22, 1957, he married Dona Binegar in North Platte. They had four children, Debi, Rick, Bob and Diane. He was the proud grandfather of Anna.

Richard is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dona; Debi, Diane, Anna, Rick and Bob Samuelson; and a host of friends treasure his memory.



Jody Bret Baker, 61, of Mascoutah, Ill., died Dec. 7, 2020, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon, Ill.

He was born May 9, 1959, to Jack Conard and Nancy Lee Graham Baker in Butler, Mo.

Jody is survived by his wife of nearly 30 years, Rose; sons Reggie, Riley and Ryan; daughters Jasmine, Jade, Janey, Jessica and Janelle; parents, Jack and Nancy; brother, Jamie; sisters Jacque and Joni; friend Dennis Deel; several nephews and nieces; and one aunt.



Paul M. Coleman, died Dec. 9, 2020, after a long battle with Parkinson's. He is the son of Raymond B. and

Grace F. Coleman.

Paul was a native of southwest Virginia and one of nine children. He was raised on a family farm and worked in the family country store. In high school he was named State Livestock Farmer for 1957.

He went on to graduate from Virginia Tech. After college he

worked in northern Virginia as a 4-H agent prior to joining the Navy for two years. Following his Navy enlistment, he was a field man for the Virginia Angus Association, where he met his wife of 53 years and partner.

From 1967 to 1977, he served as east coast regional manager for the American Hereford Association. During that time he also purchased a farm in Albemarle County as well as an Auction Company, which he ran as Coleman Sales Inc. for 40 years.

He served on numerous boards including Virginia Angus Association, Virginia Beef Expo, Augusta Cooperative Farm Bureau and Virginia Farm Bureau. The farm, CStock Farm, is still in operation raising registered Angus cattle and managed by his son.

Paul is survived by his wife, Virginia; son, Paul M. "Peanut"; sisters Claudine and Elizabeth; and brothers Durwood and W. G.



Clarence Van Dyke, 89, died Dec. 15, 2020.

Clarence was the tenth of twelve children, born to Lawrence and

Cora Van Dyke on Oct. 12, 1931.

Growing up near Manhattan, Mont., Clarence had many fun and mischievous escapades with his brothers, Ray (a twin) and Jim. He attended Little Holland and Hyline schools, after which he worked on the family farm.

Clarence served in the Army from 1951 to 1953 and in the Army Reserves until 1956. During active service, he was stationed in Germany. Prior to leaving for the army, he had his eye on a pretty neighbor girl; consequently, when he returned

home, he married Marian Kamps on May 19, 1953. They were married for 63 years. Marian passed away in 2016.

Farming and ranching were two of Clarence's great loves. He made many improvements on the land his father had purchased in the early 1900s. Through the years he acquired more ground in order to set up his sons to follow his example in the business.

Clarence started out his career in the dairy business. In 1955, he bought 30 head of Angus cows from Fred Happel. He went on to develop Van Dyke Angus Ranch, which became one of the nation's premier Angus herds.

Clarence received numerous industry awards related to cattle and farming. These include many dairy awards, the 1985 Performance Man of the Year, 1989 Outstanding Farmer/Rancher, 1997 Wayne Stevenson Award of Excellence, 1999 *Certified Angus Beef* Commitment to Excellence and 2003 Gallatin County Outstanding Conservationist. In 2017 he was inducted into the Angus Heritage Foundation.

Clarence was on the board of directors for several institutions, such as Northwest Farm Credit Services, Genex, Ag America, Agribank and Gallatin Farmers. He shared his expertise in farming and ranching with others, and helped many get started in the Angus business.

Clarence will be remembered for his kindness and love for others. The tender, loving care he showed to his wife, Marian, as her health was in decline, is an example to any husband, and left a lasting impression on his children.

His grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought him much joy and the feeling was always mutual.

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Clarence loved to visit with friends over coffee, a meal, or ice cream. He was a generous friend, always giving away produce from his large garden, greenhouse and fruit trees.

The Lord Jesus Christ and His word were Clarence's guiding compass in life. He often shared his faith freely with those who would listen. Of all that his vast experience in life has to share, there is one thing he would want you to know above all else: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8.

Clarence is survived by his children John, Keith, Debra, and Lee; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by in-laws Betty, Betty, Sylvia and Anne, and Alvin and Ruth.



Charles Arthur McPeake, 75, passed away Dec. 18, 2020, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He

was one of five children born in Lexington, Tenn., on Oct. 12, 1945, to the late Chester Arthur and Audia Hayes McPeake.

Charles received a bachelor's degree at the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1968. He worked four years with the University of Tennessee Cooperative Extension Service as a county extension agent in Giles County, Tenn., before continuing his education. He completed a master's degree in animal science at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1974 and moved to Michigan State University where he earned a doctoral degree in animal breeding and genetics in 1977.

His first job was at South Dakota State University where provided

guidance and technical assistance to the South Dakota Livestock Production Records Association and served as its executive director.

In 1980, the family moved to Oklahoma State University where Charles assumed the role of extension beef cattle breeding specialist and managed Oklahoma Beef, Inc. In 1990, Charles moved to the University of Georgia (UGA) as professor and head, extension animal science department. In 1992, he became extension leader and assumed responsibilities for dairy science and veterinary medicine in addition to extension animal science.

In 1997, he became coordinator of extension programs for the College of Agriculture-Natural Resources and Family and Consumer Sciences. While at UGA, Charles led the development of extension educational programs for beef producers that are still relevant today. Charles retired from the University of Georgia in 2005.

He was awarded the Continuing Service Award in 1993 and the Pioneer Award in 2020 from the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) and is the newest member of the Georgia Angus Association Hall of Fame. He was a member of the American Society of Animal Science; Gamma Sigma Delta; American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists, Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity; cattlemen's organizations on the local, state and national level and the American Quarter Horse Association. He served on numerous committees within many of these organizations. In addition, he is a 40-year plus member of the A.F. & A.M. Masonic Lodge of Rapid City, S.D..

Survivors include his wife, Sandra; daughter, Andrea Overholser; son, Charles Andrew McPeake; four grandchildren; sister, Arba Milam

Taylor; and brother, Orbin Bell McPeake (Gail).

In Recognition



John and Gay Barton celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Nov. 23, 2020.

The couple was married at home

in Stillwater, Okla., on Thanksgiving Day, 1950. John joined the Kansas Angus Association in 1955 and later followed his brothers, Bill Barton and Raymond Barton, as a regional manager for the American Angus Association for 25 years, retiring in 1992.

Gay had several entrepreneurial careers throughout their marriage, with her greatest passion collecting and dealing in antiques. They both enjoy lifelong friendships made through the Association. They have three children, Bonna Wanek, Wendy Welte and Breck Barton; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

2020 North Dakota Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Nov. 14, Bismarck

Elected to serve on the North Dakota board of directors pictured front row (from left) are Evan Farnsworth, McHenry; Sydney Carabello, Wildrose; Hunter Duckwitz, Belfield; Joel Opp, Hebron, president; Travis Bruner, Drake, secretary-treasurer; Ashley Bruner, Drake, secretary-treasurer; and Ryan Ressler, Cooperstown.

Pictured back row (from left) are Bob Carlson, Regent; Rusty Ridl, Dickinson; Dusty Frey, Granville; Casey Maher, Morristown, vice president; Paul Topp, Grace City; Gregg Urlacher, Regent; Pete Bauman, Strasburg; and Stetson Ellingson, Saint Anthony.



Petersen Farm, Bowbells, received the Breeder of the Year award. Pictured (from left) are Eli, Kris, Conner, Anna and Sarah Petersen.



Stearns Ranch, Oakes, received the Commercial Breeder of the Year award. Pictured (from left) are Sutton, Meagan, Stetson and Dylan Stearns.



Stacy Erdmann, Lisbon, received the Presidents Award.



Chuck Tastad, Rolette, was presented with the Man of the Year award.

2020 South Dakota Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting & Banquet, Dec. 3, Oacoma



Elected to serve on the South Dakota Angus Ass'n Board of Directors and pictured with the breeder of the year are (from left) Blake Eisenbeisz, Bowdle; Troy Thomas, Harrold; Christy Mogck, Olivet, secretary-treasurer; Alice and LaVern Koupal of Koupal Angus, Dante, Breeder of the Year; Josh Mohnen, White Lake, president; and Lee Kopriva, Raymond.



Alice and LaVern Koupal of Koupal Angus, Dante, were named Breeder of the Year.