

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



Jack Conard Baker, 82, Butler, Mo., died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021, at Mountain View Regional Medical

Center in Las Cruces, N.M. He was born in Butler Feb. 19, 1939, to James Lloyd and Ruby Ann Conard Baker.

Jack started his Angus cattle career in 1953 at the age of 14 when he purchased his first Angus heifer. He sold his first bull in high school as an FFA project. Jack was on the first board of the Missouri Beef Improvement Association. Jack and his wife, Nancy, were one of the first cattle breeders in the state of Missouri to ultrasound bulls. This opened up a new norm for the cattle business. They were the first herd in Missouri to use genomics on all their sale bulls.

Jack and Nancy were awarded the Outstanding Seed Stock Producer Award by the Missouri Beef Improvement Association, and they were inducted into the Missouri Angus Hall of Fame. He also formerly served two terms on the American Angus Association Board and was president of Beef Improvement Association for the state of Missouri Angus Association.

Jack is survived by his wife, Nancy; son, Jamie (Kristi); two daughters, Jacqueline (Brian) and

Joni; 14 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren with two on the way.



Wilma Loper Minix, 97, Athens, Ga., died Nov. 27, 2021.

Wilma was born in Atkinson, Ga., but the family moved to Folkston, Ga., where she grew up and attended Charlton County High School. Upon her graduation, she married Earnest D. “Ed” Minix. They moved to Atlanta, Ga., where Ed was stationed at Fort McPherson in the Army.

After World War II, Ed became the vice president of the Varsity restaurant in Atlanta. Wilma became the secretary to the third Army signal officer at Fort McPherson. She also served as secretary for the Atlanta Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association.

Ed and Wilma founded Black Witch Farms in Duluth, Ga. They both were named the 1983 Purebred Cattlemen of the Year, and their bulls won several first places at bull-testing stations in Georgia.

After Ed retired from the Varsity in 1985, they moved to a bigger farm in Hoschton, Ga. After Ed’s death in 1991, Wilma served as director of the Georgia Angus Association. After continuing in the cattle business for a year, she sold her entire herd to

Richard Childress, owner of Richard Childress Racing. In 2002 Wilma sold Black Witch Farm and moved to Athens, Ga. In 2010 Wilma and Ed were inducted into the Georgia Angus Hall of Fame.

Since Ed and Wilma donated their bodies to science, they purchased a planter bearing their name and their farm’s name that is placed at the entrance to the American Angus Association headquarters.

Wilma gave to many philanthropic organizations such as the Athens Botanical Gardens, Cornerstone Society, Athens Regional Hospital and University of Georgia Third Pillar. She helped established the Ed and Wilma Minix/Black Witch Farm Angus Youth Scholarship and Activities Endowment Fund. For many years she attended and enjoyed the fellowship at the First Presbyterian Church in Winder, Ga.

Wilma is survived by brothers, John (Barbara), Richard (Bobbie) and Paul (Betty); and sister, Lois.



Gale K. Rhoads, 60, died Dec. 1, 2021.

He was born Dec. 4, 1960, to J. Donald and Kathryn Rhoads in

Crawfordsville, Ind.

Gale attended Southmont High School, class of 1979, and went on to Purdue University, where he was

a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity, graduating in 1983. Immediately following graduation, his entire career has been within the beef industry starting with IBP/Tyson and most recently working for Certified Angus Beef (CAB) for the past 18 years.

Gale married Kathi in 1983. They have two children. Their oldest is Kevin, with his wife, Baleigh, and their two children, Kensington and Corbin. Their daughter is Kaci, with her husband, Chris, and their two daughters, Charli and Brodi.

Also surviving Gale are his brothers, David (Shelia), Dan (Karen) and Kieth (Melinda); brother- and sisters-in-law, Shelley, Jim and Susan; in-laws, Jim and Maryilyn; and numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

Gale's career took him and his family to Sioux City, Iowa; Edmond, Okla.; and Perrysburg, Ohio; before settling in Greeley, Colo., for the past 24 years. Over the years Gale had a variety of interests — playing golf, watching and referring soccer, traveling with friends and family, grilling, all things Purdue, playing pool with his father-in-law and brother-in-law, playing poker with his brothers and the next generation, and spending time with his family.



Frank "David" Kirkpatrick, Clinton, Tenn., died Dec. 3, 2021.

David was born in Oklahoma City, Okla., to Frank and Bessie Kirkpatrick, and he was raised in Shattuck, Okla.

He earned an animal science degree from Oklahoma State University, a master's in animal science from New Mexico State University, and doctorate in animal science from University of Tennessee. Upon completion of his doctorate, David remained a member of the faculty for 49 years.

David was a professor in the Department of Animal Science and a beef cattle genetic specialist serving the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension. He was a resource for the beef cattle farmers of Tennessee for half a century.

Among his accomplishments, David developed the UT Bull Test Program and was instrumental in developing the annual Bull Test Sale at the Middle Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center in Spring Hill, Tenn. He developed the Beef Genetic Qualification program for the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program and was a major contributor to the UT Master Beef Producer Program as well.

His contributions have led to improvements in quality across the state's beef cattle industry. David is also the author of many UT Extension publications on topics such as beef cattle, cattle management, genetics and safety around livestock.

David served as superintendent of the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, coached judging teams throughout his career and evaluated cattle in more than 14 states at various exhibitions and state fairs.

He was the recipient of multiple awards including the Gamma Sigma Delta award of Merit, Tennessee

Cattlemen's Association Outstanding Service Award and National Beef Improvement Federation Award. David served as a faculty advisor for Farmhouse Fraternity at the University of Tennessee. Recently the Richview Kirkpatrick Research Endowment was established to honor his dedication and commitment to the beef cattle industry for many generations to come.

David's fondest accomplishments was guest lecturing in Tandil, Argentina. He lectured at the University and consulted across the country for improvement in their beef cattle industry.

He is survived by his wife, Judith; children, Jennifer (Jamie), Matt (Jan) and Michael (Erin); grandchildren, three siblings, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

In Recognition 2021 Calhoun Bull Evaluation Performance Test and Sale, Dec. 3, Calhoun, Ga.



Wyatt Farms, Woodbury, Ga., consigned the high-indexing Angus and overall bull. Pictured (from left) are Dale Sandlin, Georgia Cattlemen's Ass'n executive vice president; Josh and Callie Wyatt, recipients; and Bobby Dodd, Red Carpet Cattlemen's Ass'n.

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North Dakota Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Nov. 12-13, Bismarck, N.D.



Petersen Farms, Bowbells, won breeder of the year. Pictured (from left) are Anna, Kris, Conner, Sarah and Eli Petersen.



Ed and Rauna Maychrzak, Scranton, won commercial breeder of the year. Pictured (from left) are Bob Carlson, presenting, and Rauna and Ed Maychrzak.



Richard Fast (left), New Salem, was presented with the Man of the Year award. Also pictured is his grandson, Rowdy Strommen (right).



Cattlemen and women were elected to serve on the North Dakota board of directors. Pictured (front row from left) are Evan Farnsworth, McHenry, director; Kathy Tokach, Saint Anthony, vice president; Casey Maher, Morristown, president; Ashley and Travis Bruner, Drake, secretaries-treasurers; Gregg Urlacher (back row from left), Regent, director; Paul Topp, Grace City, director; Bob Carlson, Regent, director; Jeremy Strommen, New Salem, director; Sydney Caraballo, Wildrose, director; Pete Bauman, Strasburg, director; and Stetson Ellingson, Saint Anthony, director. **AJ**



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