

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



Ardyce LaJean (Chittenden) O’Neill, 78, of Logan, Iowa, passed away Dec. 14, 2020. Ardyce was born on Jan.

14, 1942 in Norfolk, Neb., to Jesse and Marie (Huddle) Chittenden.

She lived in Madison, Neb., until 1954 when her family moved to Missouri Valley, Iowa. She babysat and worked at Northwestern Bell as a telephone operator during high school. She graduated from Missouri Valley High School in 1960.

Ardyce was employed at City National Bank in Council Bluffs until her marriage. On Sept. 18, 1960, she was united in marriage to James O’Neill. Together they farmed and raised registered Angus cattle for 60 years east of Beebeetown.

Ardyce was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Missouri Valley. She was a past president of the Iowa Angus Auxiliary and the American Angus Auxiliary. She was named the Distinguished Woman by the American Angus Auxiliary, took a beef promotion booth to Denver for 10 years and helped start the

Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*[®] Cook-off. She was an active 4-H leader and member of Harrison County Cow Bells. She was treasurer of Harris Grove Memorial Chapel.

Ardyce is survived by her husband, Jim; daughter Jane (Jerry); son, J. C.; four grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and sisters, Audrey and Donna (Oran).



Mary Helen Ragland, 95, passed away Dec. 28, 2020.

Mary Helen was born Oct. 12, 1925, in Windsor, Mo.,

to Jonathan Wellington and Mary Francis Bradley.

She lived in Calhoun, Mo., and attended Pleasant View Grade School and Calhoun High School. She married William Burel Ragland of Clinton, Mo., on June 2, 1946, after Bill returned from serving in the Marine Air Corps during World War II. They were married for 74 years.

Mary Helen taught school for 29 years. In 1943, at the age of 17, she taught all eight grades at Pleasant View Grade School. After moving to Clinton in 1956, she began teaching at

Land School all eight grades.

In 1964 she went back to college during summers at Central Missouri State, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in education and a Master of Science in education in 1967.

She then taught third and fourth grades at Davis R-12 from 1964 to 1965, and second grade at Deepwater 1965 to 1966. The next year she taught remedial reading for second to twelfth grade. She then taught first grade in Clinton School District from 1967 to 1989, where she retired.

Mary Helen served as an ombudsman for Westwood Nursing Home from 1990 to 1998 and assisted in starting a jail ministry for women in the Centerview Prison from 2007 to 2010. She has been an active member of First Baptist Church of Clinton. She was a regular of the Ladies Auxiliary of Gideons International, and was also a member of the Ladies Aids, Shawnee Mound, Mo.

Mary Helen was an avid gardener and was known for her tomatoes.

Mary Helen is survived by her husband; five children, Janice, Nancy, Bill (Linda), Darrel (Val) and Roy (Chris); 10 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.



Kevin Lee Hunt, 61, passed away Jan. 6, 2021, at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, Kan. He was born Feb. 23, 1959, in

Wellington, Kan., to his parents, Thaine and Carol Hunt. Kevin was a lifelong resident of Sumner County.

As a young man, Kevin spent his elementary years attending Rome School in Rome, Kan. In 1977 he graduated from South Haven High School. While in high school, he loved being involved in 4-H. He was a FFA chapter president and won the Chapter Star Farmer award.

Playing sports with his friends was an important part of his life. He enjoyed going to cattle shows in 4-H and FFA, where he brought home many championship trophies. Kevin began his lifelong dream of farming and raising cattle while he completed his degree in farm business management at Cowley County Community College in 1979.

Kevin was a farmer and cattleman at heart. His full-time farming and cattleman career began early in life, at the family farm near Drury, Kan. He spent many hours working and relaxing outside, loving nature and caring for his cows, while preparing for cattle sales and shows. Kevin has always enjoyed long conversations about his family and his Angus cattle. During his showing career, he was awarded supreme champion at the Kansas Angus Futurity.

In 1989 Kevin married Mary Vandever of Wichita, Kan. Their first son, Matthew Brooks, was born

in April 1993 and passed away in November 1995. Then in March of 1996, Kevin and Mary were excited to welcome Nathan Boyd into the family. Their family was complete with the welcome addition of Kaleb Brewer in November 1997.

The next several years were spent raising boys and farming together, and attending their many sporting and 4-H events. Kevin enjoyed being with his family and raising Angus cattle. He was very active as a Sumner County 4-H livestock leader and was honored to be selected as a Friends of 4-H Award Recipient.

Kevin loved visiting with friends and family and talking to anyone who would listen about his boys and his cattle. He always looked forward to attending county fairs, Angus cattle sales and shows, and visiting with family, friends, peers and cattle buyers. He would often take at least an hour shopping for only a few items in Walmart, because he would see friends he enjoyed visiting with.

In years past Kevin experienced ongoing health issues. June 16, 2020, when an accident with a cow occurred, his health problems increased. He had been in and out of the hospital searching for healing.

Then, while in skilled nursing care, he tested positive with COVID-19. Kevin fought the virus as long as his body would allow. He is now enjoying God's grace in the joy of his salvation, and there is no more pain.

Survivors include his two sons, Nathan and Kaleb; mother, Carol; sisters, Vicki (Ed) and Dianna (Ben); two nephews; three nieces;

and many extended family members and friends.



Ronnie Powell Holloway, 83, a Tallulah, La., died Jan. 17, 2021.

Ronnie was born Jan. 25, 1937, in the

Warsaw community near Crowville, La., to Ashley Sanders Holloway and Lessie Mae Welch Holloway. He was the youngest of eleven children.

He grew up in the Warsaw community and attended Andrews School during his elementary school years. When he went to junior high school, he promoted to Crowville High School from which he graduated in 1955. He attended Louisiana College before transferring to and graduating from Northeast Louisiana University in 1959.

Ronnie married his high school sweetheart, Nellia Faye Lee, on May 30, 1958. They had three children together. He began his employment as a school teacher in Port Neches, Texas. He was employed there for two years. He then moved to Tallulah to teach at Tallulah Elementary School where he taught fifth grade and coached peewee football for three years.

For the majority of his life, he was a farmer in Madison Parish and raised Angus cattle, a hobby which brought him great joy.

Ronnie served on the state boards of Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation and Louisiana Angus Association. He was a member of

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First Baptist Church in Tallulah and served as a deacon. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and an active participant in the community. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading Louis Lamour and James Michener novels, and spending time with his family.

Ronnie is survived by his wife of 62 years, Faye; sons Ron Jr. (Ellen) and Herbert (Melinda); daughter, Dena (Robert); nine grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

In Recognition

The South Dakota Stockgrowers Association (SDSA) would like to thank those who participated in the second annual Rollover Benefit Auction on Jan. 14. Baxter and Skyler Anders and the team at Belle Fourche Livestock Market, hosted the event.



Sodak Angus and Vaughn and Lois Meyer donated. More than \$10,000 was raised to help promote and protect the livestock industry. Angus members recognized as supporters the event include Mangen Angus Ranch; Lynn and Connie Weishaar; David and Rachel Uhrig; and Seth and Nicole Weishaar.

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