

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



Jerry F. Gay, 97, died Sept. 19, 2021.

Jerry was born in El Dorado, Ark., Nov. 23, 1923, to Hubert and Halyeburt Gay. The family moved to Memphis when he was a toddler.

He graduated from Pentecost-Garrison School, Baylor School in Chattanooga and attended the University of Texas at Austin until he was drafted into the U.S. Army to serve in World War II. Spending four years in New Guinea and the Philippines, he was Civil Affairs and Civilian Personnel Director, and he was also awarded the Bronze Star for support of combat operations.

After returning from WWII, he became managing partner of Gay Hills Ranch in Horn Lake, Miss., breeding registered polled Hereford cattle. His bronzed Stetson is enshrined into the Polled Hereford Hall of Fame for exporting the first bull back to Great Britain.

After raising cattle, Jerry had a thriving livestock insurance business as an agent and director of American Livestock Insurance Company for more than 61 years. He was active as an agent until the time of his death. The family thanks his loyal executive assistant, Wilhelmina Patterson.

In his spare time, he was president of Gay Oil Company, co-organizer and director of DeSoto County

Planning Commission, co-organizer and first vice president of DeSoto National Bank, developer of the first shopping center in Southhaven, and served for two years as chairman of the DeSoto County grand jury.

One of his great loves included flying his Beechcraft Bonanza for more than 50 years, landing in all 48 contiguous states, Canada and Mexico. He was president of the Sportsman Pilot Association, a private aviation organization.

He was an avid golfer, playing many courses in the United States, Great Britain, continental Europe, Africa and the Philippines. He was a member of the University Club and Chickasaw Country Club and a communicant of St. John’s Episcopal Church.

He is survived by his wife, Emily Roberts Gay; his daughters, Neville (Warfield) and Sarah (Tim); and two granddaughters. He also leaves his “adopted” son, James Lamar.



Briggs Swift Cunningham III, 89, Lancaster, Ky., died Sept. 28, 2021.

He was born June 13, 1932, in New York City, N.Y., to the late Briggs Cunningham Jr. and Lucie Bedford Warren. He graduated from Yale University with a degree in economics and spent four years in the U.S. Navy.

Briggs was a dad, friend,

entrepreneur, benefactor, avid sports fan, accomplished Angus breeder, amongst other things to many people.

He is survived his wife of 55 years, Elizabeth (Beth); eight children, Marcia, Cecily, Briggs, Thomas, Paige (Mark), Brian, Robert (Janey) and Blair (Adam); and his sister, Lynn Maddock. He has seven grandchildren.



Jewell Ann Reavis, 83, La Monte, Mo., died Jan. 14, 2022.

She was born April 13, 1938, in rural Hughesville, daughter of William (Bill) Henry and Mattie Jewell Schroeder. July 23, 1960, at Wesley United Methodist Church in Sedalia, she married Charles Robert (Bob) Reavis, who survives her.

“Ann” received her Bachelor of Science in education and Master of Science in education. She taught elementary education in the early 1970s in Sedalia School District 200. Beyond the classroom, Ann was an active partner in Reavis Angus Farm, completing all the artificial insemination (AI) work and making breeding selections.

In addition to her husband, Bob, she is survived by a daughter, Kara (Sean); two grandsons; a sister, Loretta; a brother, Donald (Mary); and numerous nieces and nephews.



Marian Mae (Johnson) Stevenson, 78, Hobson, Mont., died Jan. 21, 2022, and was joyfully reunited with her

cowboy sweetheart in heaven.

Born Dec. 8, 1943, she was the only daughter of Walter O. and Elsie (Skaggs) Johnson.

She grew up and attended school in Moccasin and Moore, graduating from Hobson High School. She married her high school sweetheart, Wayne Stevenson, in 1959. The young couple were armed with big dreams, determination, a willingness to work hard, and each other. Side by side they raised their family and built Basin Angus Ranch and a world-renowned herd of Angus cattle.

Wayne and Marian encouraged their children in all of their endeavors, instilling in them that same work ethic and determination that has left a dynamic legacy. Aside from the activities her children were involved in, Marian played an important role in numerous organizations. Active in the Montana Angus Auxiliary, she was in charge of the Ways & Means (now the Country Store) for a number of years. She served on the Central Montana Medical Center Board of Directors as well as the Board of Directors of Basin State Bank and the Montana FFA Foundation. She was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church.

Marian had an unparalleled commitment and love for the Judith Basin and Hobson Community. Her heart for service, combined with a quiet and persistent leadership, was the catalyst for the Friends of the Hobson Library and Museum. Improving the community through service was her passion, and she was

very proud of its transformation and amazing asset to Hobson the Library/Museum had become, including its recent evolution to the Hobson Community Center.

Marian is survived by her children, Valerie (Clint), Doug (Sharon) and Clint (Adana); 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and brother, Clayton (Lorraine).

Charles Stables McIntosh, 96, Lexington, Ky., died Jan. 24, 2022.

“Mac” McIntosh was born in Kennethmont, Huntly, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. He was the fourth of 10 children born to the late Robert and Mary Bella McIntosh.

In June 1946 he married Lilian Rose Clee, and they immigrated to the United States in 1947, where he worked as the general manager for H&L Farms in New Jersey for a number of years before moving to Georgia to manage Caloga Farms in the mid '70s and finally to Sandy Cross in the mid '90s.

He was a charter member of the Wilkes County Cattlemen's Association, and in 2001 he was the recipient of the Hall of Fame Award for 60 years of Angus farming. He was also a member of the Oglethorpe Cattlemen's Association, Georgia Angus Association and American Angus Association. He was a pioneer in the Angus growth and breeding program in the United States. He spent more than 80 years in the Angus industry.

One of his proudest achievements was that he had sold cattle in every state in the United States except Alaska and internationally to four different countries.

Survivors include his sister, Gladys (Wyness); brother, Duncan; daughters, Mary-Ann (Richard) and Phyllis (Walter); son, Robert; three

grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews residing in Scotland.



William R. “Bill” Angell, 75, died Jan. 27, 2022.

He was born in Lansing, Mich., to Robert D. and Frances L. Angell.

Bill was raised on a small farm in Michigan. After graduating from East Lansing High School, he enrolled at Michigan State University (MSU) where he would begin his lifetime involvement with the cattle industry.

Bill was a member of the livestock judging team at MSU, where he received from his coach and lifelong friend, Harlan Ritchie.

Upon graduation from MSU, Bill earned a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin, where he was the livestock judging coach. There he met the love of his life, Donna Zimmerman.

Bill and Donna were married April 30, 1971. Shortly after their marriage, Bill and Donna moved to Lexington, Ky., where Bill coached the livestock judging team at the University of Kentucky.

April 17, 1973, Bill and Donna started their family with the birth of their firstborn, Blake William. In the fall of 1973, Bill moved his family to Pine Bluff, Ark., as he became a fieldman for the American Polled Hereford Association. While in Arkansas, Bill and Donna grew their family Sept. 27, 1976, in the birth of their daughter Miki Renee. Another blessing arrived Oct. 29, 1977, with their daughter Marisa “Missy” Lynn.

In 1978 Bill and Donna moved their family to Colorado as Bill accepted a position with the *Record Stockman* newspaper. After leaving

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the *Record Stockman*, Bill worked for Superior Livestock Auction. Later he became the Yards manager at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS). He constructed the “Wall of Champions” in the Livestock Center.

Of all his accomplishments, the one he was probably most proud of was being a grandpa. Bill was blessed to have four grandkids that he loved and adored.

Bill is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Donna; son, Blake (Kirsten); daughters, Miki (Steve) and Missy (Amy); brother, Richard (Leslie); four grandchildren; brother-in-law, Reg (Betty); sister-in-law, Barbara; brother-in-law, Bill (Sharon); nephews, Nic (Shara) and Kevin (Jenny); and numerous other brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Philip B. Reid, 68, died Feb. 7, 2022.

He was the son of Adam and Alice Reid, born May 28, 1953, in Lynchburg, Va.

He graduated from Holy Cross Regional High School in 1971 and earned his bachelor’s in animal science from Virginia Tech University (VTU) in 1975. While at VTU, he was a charter member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and member of the livestock judging team. He earned his master’s degree in beef nutrition from Pennsylvania State University in 1977, where he assisted with the livestock judging team.

During his career, he worked in sales for Angus Topics and Angus Semen Service, served as director of communications for the American Chianina Association and the Tennessee Cattlemen’s Association, and owned his own livestock photography business for more than 20 years.

He was the Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) and the distance learning coordinator in the Department of Animal Sciences at Purdue University. During his tenure at Purdue, he also served for the last 18 years as the faculty advisor to Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and was awarded the National Advisor of the Year in 2010.

The Indiana Forage Council recognized him in 2013 with the Maurice Heath Award. In 2020 he received the Indiana Beef Cattle Association Friend of the Industry Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award from West Central Indiana Angus Association in 2021.

Angus Arrivals



Adam and Julie Conover, along with big sister Lillie, welcomed their daughter Lydia Marie

Conover Jan. 25. She weighed 7 pounds and 6 ounces. Adam is a regional manager for the American Angus Association, and Julie is the executive director for the Missouri Angus Association.

Kansas Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Jan. 22, Hutchinson



Elected to serve on the Kansas Angus Ass'n board of directors (front row from left) are officers Jeff Klausmeyer, Wellington, president; Darin Huck, Dodge City, vice president; Lynne Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, treasurer; and Anne Lampe, Scott City, secretary/manager. Pictured back row (from left) are directors Elizabeth Perkins, Lorraine; Trey Hinkson, Cottonwood Falls; Cash Schilling, Edson; Rick Cozzitorto, Olathe; Joshua Laflin, Olsburg; and Clint Woodrow, Emporia, past president.

