

# 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



**John C. Curtin**, 85, of Taylorville, Ill., died March 10, 2021, in his home.

He was born March 20, 1935, in Taylorville.

He was the son of Lawrence Frederick and Marie Ellen (Colbrook) Curtin. He married Alice Faye Carpenter on Feb. 9, 1957, and she preceded him in death on Sep. 1, 2020.

John graduated from Stonington High School in 1952 and attended Notre Dame University prior to graduating from the University of Illinois with a degree in animal science. John was a lifelong farmer in Christian County, starting in 1957.

He judged livestock at numerous county fairs throughout Illinois and served as the cattle superintendent at the Illinois State Fair for 12 years. He was a member of the board of the American Angus Association and board member and past president of the Illinois Angus Association. John was recognized by Prairie Farmer in 1984 with the designation of Master Farmer.

John served on the Christian County Board for almost 40 years, serving in the role of chairman for a total of 19 years. His greatest accomplishment was overseeing the restoration of the Christian County Courthouse, including the complete

renovation of the historic stained-glass dome.

From 1993 to 1994, John served as the President of the Illinois Association of County Officials. John was a lifelong member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Stonington, serving the church in numerous roles including starting the annual steak dinner fundraiser, a tradition that continues some 60-plus years later. John was awarded the lifetime achievement award by the Taylorville Chamber of Commerce in recognition of all he did for Christian County.

Above all, John loved his family. John and Alice loved to attend any game or activity their grandchildren were involved in. Together they enjoyed traveling, playing golf and attending St. Louis Cardinals games.

He is survived by his children, Fred, Chuck, Beth (Glenn), Mary, Cathy, and Jim (Shelly); 25 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; brothers, Larry and Paul (Gail); and many nieces and nephews.



**Linda Whittaker Cooper**, Potts Camp, Miss., died March 12. She was the office manager of Cooper Truck Line in Holly

Springs, Miss.

She loved animals; but, most of all,

she loved her children and watching them participate in all of their many activities.

She leaves her husband, Brad; son, Dalton; daughter, Megan; brother, David; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.



**Donald E. Greiman**, 94, Garner, Iowa, died April 5.

The son of Addis and Ruth Greiman,

Donald was born Sept. 5, 1926, on the family farm south of Garner. He graduated from Garner High School in 1944 where he participated in baseball, basketball, football, men’s glee club and mixed chorus. Don was a 4-H and FFA member and received the Iowa FFA Star Farmer Award.

He majored in animal science and graduated from Iowa State University (ISU) in 1952. Don was a member of Alpha Zeta, Block and Bridle, FarmHouse Fraternity, ISU’s Livestock and Meats Judging teams, and received Cardinal Key honors. After graduation, he served in the Air Force as a second lieutenant and was stationed at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.

On June 6, 1953, he married Yvonne Rasmussen, and they farmed and raised purebred Angus cattle south of Garner with his father, Addis, and brother Cliff.

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Their Angus herd was recognized nationally for its outstanding quality, and Don judged many county, state, and national cattle shows. He was proud to see his grandsons be the fifth generation to raise Angus cattle. He enjoyed working with people, promoting organizations and initiatives, and making a difference serving on multiple boards. Don was a member of the Garner Peace Reformed Church where he served as a deacon, elder and Sunday school teacher, and was treasurer of the Reformed Church in the United States.

He provided leadership to form the *Certified Angus Beef* (CAB®) brand, Hancock County Beef Producers and Iowa Beef Breeds Council, and served on many boards including the American Angus Association, Garner and Klemme Cooperatives and Iowa Cooperative Grain Dealers. He was a 4-H club leader for 20 years, and most recently became a Garner Rotary Club member.

Don was a loyal ISU supporter, served as president of the alumni association and board member of the

Athletic Council, and was a founder of the North Iowa Cyclone Club. For 64 years, he and Yvonne were season ticket holders for football and basketball and were recipients of Cy's Favorite Alum award in 2017.

Another love of Don's was the Iowa State Fair. He served as a board member for 44 years, the longest tenure in history, and was president two times. He was proud of the board's efforts to continually improve the fair experience and was instrumental in forming the Blue-Ribbon Foundation that raises funds to help preserve and improve the fairgrounds. He also was a long-time board member of the North Iowa Fair.

Don is survived by his wife, Yvonne; son, Brad and his wife, Julie; son, Ted and his wife, Mary; sister, Shirley; four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

## Angus Arrivals



Brian and Kara Lee welcomed Daniel Wilson Lee to the world and the Angus family Feb. 12. He

weighed 6 pounds (lb.), 11 ounces (oz.).

Kara is the assistant director of producer engagement for Certified Angus Beef LLC.



Bret and Jaycee Farmer welcomed Gavin Clark Farmer to the world and the Angus family March 18. He weighed 7 lb., 10 oz.

Jaycee is a customer service representative for Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) at the American Angus Association.



Chris and Alex Blake welcomed Avery Sue Blake to the world and the Angus family April 2. She weighed 8 lb., 14 oz.

Alex is digital marketing team lead for Angus Media at the American Angus Association.

## Northeast Arkansas Angus Ass'n Meeting; March 19; Charlotte



Luke Foster, Foster Angus Ranch, Paragould, (right), consigned the high-selling bull at the 2020 Northeast Arkansas Angus Ass'n Fall Sale. Lot 26 was Foster Quarterback 9524, a March 2019 son of SAV Quarterback 7933. Also pictured (left) is Stacy Speer, Northeast Arkansas Angus Ass'n member, presenting.



Stan Smith, Hickory Hill, West Plains, Mo., (right), consigned the high-selling female at the 2020 Northeast Arkansas Angus Ass'n Fall Sale. Lot 53 was Hickory Hill Missy 615, a September 2016 daughter of RB Tour Of Duty 177. Also pictured (left) is Stacy Speer, presenting.



Pam Taylor, Mount Pleasant, (left), received an Appreciation Award for her support and dedication as secretary to the Northeast Arkansas Angus Ass'n. Also pictured (right) is Stacy Speer, presenting.