

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 “Jack” Marvin Todd died March 18, 2023, at Avera Care Center in Creighton, Neb., at the age of 88.

Jack was born Oct. 17, 1934, to Lauren “Ike” and Pauline Todd, at home on the farm in Murray, Neb. Jack was the oldest of four children. He attended Buck

school, a one-room country school from first to eighth grade. The school had no electricity or running water, and was heated with a wood-burning stove. Students carried water from a nearby farm. Jack graduated from Plattsmouth High School. He loved sports, especially football. Even though he weighed only 135 pounds, he was the team’s captain his senior year.

Following high school, he attended the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and pledged Sigma Chi fraternity. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in animal husbandry. On Aug. 27, 1955, he married his high school sweetheart, Mary Jo Ann, in Plattsmouth. They were married 56 years. Six children were born, Lee, James, Gregory, Lynne, Ann and Erin. They lived on the family farm

Ohio Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, Feb. 4, Lima



Angus producers were elected to serve on the Ohio Angus Ass'n board of directors. Pictured (seated from left) are Todd Raines, Seaman, chairman of the board; Allen Gahler, Graytown, president; Michael Atterholt, Jeromesville, vice president; Daniel Wells, Frankfort, secretary/fieldman; Justin Moore, Oak Harbor, treasurer; Joe Sanders, Harrod, director; J.L. Draganic, Wakeman, director; Tim Harsh (standing from left), Radnor, director; John Grimes, Hillsboro, director; Zane Gross III, Ashland, director; Shawn Howell, Shelby, director; David Baird, Washington Court House, director; Ronald Miller, Wapakoneta, director; Chip Enos, Cambridge, director; and Kelvin Egner, Shelby, director.



James Secrest, Nobleland Angus farm, Caldwell, received the Distinguished Service Award. Pictured (from left) are Erica Snook; Nancy Snook; Allen Gahler, presenting; James Secrest; Sharon Winter; Christina Winter; and Caroline Winter.



Ladies were elected to serve as officers on the Ohio Angus Ladies Auxiliary. Pictured (from left) are Kellie Miller, Wapakoneta, president; Kerrie Smith, Cridersville, treasurer; Aimee Waymire, Napoleon, vice president/secretary; and Christina Howell, Shelby, scholarship chair.

in Murray, until they relocated to the Brunswick area in 1964 and raised their growing family. They started their own cattle operation, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Todd & Sons, which they later changed to Landmark Farm as their daughters were born. At the time, Jack noted he had more “kids than cows.”

Jack was a cattleman, and his love of raising purebred Angus cattle never waned. Throughout his youth, Jack was a 4-H member and participated in the Cass County Fair, Aksarben and the Denver stock show. Jack cared deeply about the 4-H program, and continued his involvement as a 4-H leader and as the Antelope County livestock superintendent for more than 40 years.

He took great pride and joy in having an Angus cow-calf operation and raising purebred Angus bulls. Jack and Mary Jo hosted an annual purebred Angus cattle sale and welcomed neighbors and ranchers from Nebraska. They even had buyers as far away as Mexico. After 60 years of Angus sales, he handed the reins over to his son Greg to continue the tradition.

Jack was a member of the Nebraska Angus Association. Jack was also recognized for his more than 50 years of service as a cattleman. Jack was a member of St. Ignatius Catholic Church and St. Ludger’s Catholic Church. Jack was an usher at Mass, and his faith was of great importance to him.

Jack was known for the deep and lasting connections he made with virtually everyone who crossed his path. His passing leaves a huge void

in the lives of his family, who will miss his dry sense of humor and his constant, steadfast and wise counsel.

Jack is survived by his younger sister, Betty (Todd); children, Lee (Valentina), James (Virginia), Greg (Janet), Lynne (Kevin), Ann and Erin (Jeff); 19 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and extended family, Jenny Todd, Yoko Brunell, the Tom Nguyen family, and many nieces and nephews.

His grandchildren and great-grandchildren gave him great joy, and they all agree he was the best grandfather one could wish for. He was even best man at his grandson Mitch’s wedding.

Angus Addition



Matt and Julie Mais welcomed Georgia Lynne Mais March 28. She weighed 9 pounds and 6 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. Julie is the editor of the *Angus Journal*. AJ

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