

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



Don Harold Peterson, 83, Horner, W. Va., died April 24.

He was born in Horner Aug. 16, 1937, to Ancil Peterson and Nell (Taylor) Peterson. Don was married to his loving wife of 62 years, Mida (Bailey) Peterson, June 1, 1958.

Don was a graduate of Weston High School class of 1955. After high school, Don attended West Virginia University for two years before returning home to work on the farm. He served in the Army Reserves for six years. Don loved to watch the West Virginia Mountaineer football team. He had season tickets and attended games for 30 years. He was a member of the Stone Coal United Methodist Church and served in several leadership positions over the years.

Don was the owner and operator of Rocking P Angus Farm in Horner, where they hosted their 50th production sale in November of 2019.

He was a member of the American Angus Association and served as the secretary of the West Virginia Angus Association for 20 years. Don attended many national meetings as a delegate from West Virginia. Don worked with the West Virginia Beef Expo and served as Angus sale manager for more than 20 years.

He sent bulls to feed test programs in West Virginia, Ohio and Montana, and had the top-selling bull at the first Wardensville Bull Test Sale.

Don served as president of the Lewis/Upshur and West Virginia Cattlemen’s Associations. He was a member of the Lewis County Farm Bureau. Don was inducted into the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame. He loved to watch his grandchildren show cattle and was always ready to talk Angus cattle. He was a farmer at heart.

Don is survived by his wife, Mida; son, Ernie Arnold (Lisa); two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Editor’s note: The incorrect photo was printed in the June 2021 issue. We apologize for the error.



Harvey Laurel Ayres, 91, of Lancaster, Ky., died May 30, 2021, in Lexington, Ky.

He was born on June 27, 1929, to the late Harvey Lewis and Mable Lusby Ayres.

Harvey was born in Owenton, Ky., and moved to Lancaster when he was 17, where his father became pastor of Mount Hebron Baptist Church. It was there he met his wife, Doris, and where they have been faithful members for 74 years.

Harvey was a MoorMans Feed Co. salesman and district sales manager for 34 years. He was owner of Dixie Stock Farms, where he had one of the largest Angus farms in the United States. He was on the board of directors of First Southern National Bank since 1979 and the Kentucky Angus Association.

After retirement, he was a familiar sight at Danny Ayres Realty. Harvey had many accomplishments and accolades, but his legacy is truly his family, whom he was so proud of.

He is survived by his wife, Doris; children, Belva (Mike), Danny, Sammy (Connie), Charlie (Diane), and Roger (Priscilla); special son-in-law, Joel Allen (Debbie); two sisters, Bertha and Becky; sixteen grandchildren; and thirty-three great grandchildren.



Robert William Tunstill, 85, of Fayetteville, Ark., died May 22, 2021.

He was born October 30, 1935, in Fayetteville to William and Ruth Tuck Tunstill.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Darrell and Sheri; his daughter and son-in-law, Sondra and James; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, John; and a special cousin, Mary Louise.

Robert was a graduate of

Fayetteville High School. He later served in the United States Army. He retired from the Campbell Soup Company in 1990 after more than 35 years. He was a lifetime member of the American Angus Association and a past president of the Arkansas Angus Association. He was a member of Black Oak Baptist Church in Fayetteville.

After retirement, he spent his days on the farm raising cattle, poultry and gardening. Robert was an avid breeder of Angus cattle for the vast majority of his life.

In 2014 he was awarded the

Historic Angus Herd Award, a national honor from the American Angus Association for breeding registered Angus cattle for 50 years.

He was very involved in the Arkansas Angus Association, going to meetings and consigning cattle to the state sale each year, something he enjoyed very much. He loved going to cattle sales, shows and all gatherings of fellow Angus breeders. He made many friendships during his years of involvement that he cherished.

For 52 years, Robert exhibited cattle and poultry at the Washington County Fair, something he looked

forward to every year. After his years of involvement, he was recognized in 2019 when he was featured on the cover of the Washington County Fair Book. He was truly honored with this.

Whether it was cattle, poultry or gardening, Robert loved all things agriculture. He was proud to pass down his knowledge to his children and grandchildren.

2021 Alabama Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, April 16-17, Cullman



Elected to serve on the board of directors are Cobie Rutherford (pictured seated from left), past president; Chuck Madaris, Hope Hull, treasurer; Jay Howard, Oxford, second vice president; Craig Bryson, Titus, first vice president; Richard Dyar, Crossville, president; Mike McGuire, Waverly, executive secretary; Ben Maples (pictured back row from left), Elkmont; Rob Adams, Union Springs; Randy Crowell, Elrod; Tillman Dudley, Opelika; Dave Mann, New Hope; Don Lyles, Harvest; Sammy Walker, Toney; Brett Thrower, Arab; and Zane Troxtel, Geraldine



Judy (center) and Dale Parris (right), Albertville, received the Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by Cobie Rutherford (left), 2020 Alabama Angus Ass'n president.



Cobie Rutherford (left), Crawford, Miss., received the outgoing president award from Richard Dyar (right), 2021 Alabama Angus Ass'n president.

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Alabama Angus Ass'n Spring Sale, April 17, Cullman



Haynes Farms, Blountsville, consigned the grand champion heifer. Lot 36 consisted of McGuire Esteem 920, a September 2019 daughter of SAV Rainfall 6846. Pictured are Scott Haynes (left), consignor, and Richard Dyar (right), Alabama Angus Ass'n president, presenting.



SKW Angus Farm, Toney, consigned the reserve grand champion heifer. Lot 65x consisted of SKW Cheyenne Dominique 910, an August 2019 daughter of EXAR Blue Chip 1877B. Pictured are Makayla (from left), Cheyenne and Shea Walker, consignors; and Richard Dyar, presenting.



Windy Hill Farm, Boaz, consigned the grand champion female. Lot 69 consisted of Tate's Jess 2D1 7SE1, a November 2017 daughter of SAV Sensation 5615. Pictured are Jack Tate (from left), consignor; Tiffany Phillips and Josh Phillips, holding Ali Phillips, Crossville, buyers; and Richard Dyar.



SKW Angus Farm consigned the reserve grand champion female. Lot 61 consisted of SKW Cheyenne Dominique 618, a November 2016 daughter of PVF Insight 0129. Pictured are Makayla (from left), Cheyenne and Shea Walker, consignors; and Richard Dyar, presenting.



Plantation Farms, Elrod, consigned the reserve grand champion bull. Lot 75 consisted of Plantation Sure Fire 1942, an August 2019 son of GAR Sure Fire. Pictured are Randy Crowell (left), consignor; and Richard Dyar (right), presenting.

Arkansas Angus Ass'n Field Day and Junior Preview Show, May 15, Heber Springs



Robert Tunstill, Fayetteville, received the Distinguished Service Award. Pictured are Sam Haley (left), Arkansas Angus Ass'n president, presenting; and Katlyn Tunstill (right), Robert's granddaughter, accepting on his behalf.



White River Cattle Company, Fayetteville, Ark., consigned the top selling cow-calf pair. Pictured from left are Sam Haley and Katlyn Tunstill, accepting for White River Cattle Company.



Bobby Mitchell, Clarksville, received the Distinguished Service Award. Pictured are Sam Haley (left), presenting; and Clayton Whitmore (right), accepting on Bobby's behalf.



Clayton and Kristin Whitmore, Berryville, received an Appreciation Award. Pictured are Sam Haley (from left), presenting; and Kristin and Clayton Whitmore.

Louisiana Junior Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, May 21, Shreveport



The Myers family, Jennings, won Louisiana Angus Ass'n Family of the Year. Pictured are Dale Schexnayder (from left), Louisiana Angus Ass'n treasurer, presenting; and Linda and Lana Myers, recipients.



Windham Farms, Jena, owns the 2021 Louisiana Angus Ass'n Bull Sale's top-selling bull over 20 months of age. Pictured are Kevin Windham (left), recipient, and Emma LeJeune (right), Louisiana Angus princess, presenting.



Roseneath Plantation, Gloster, owns the 2020 Louisiana Angus Ass'n Bull Sale's top-selling bull under 20 months. Pictured are Dave Means III (left), recipient, and Emma LeJeune (right), presenting.



Windham Farms, Jena, owns the 2020 Louisiana Angus Ass'n Bull Sale's top-selling bull over 20 months. Pictured are Kevin Windham (left), recipient, and Emma LeJeune (right), presenting.



Roseneath Plantation, Gloster, owns the 2020 Louisiana Angus Ass'n Bull Sale's top-selling fall cow-calf pair. Pictured are Dave Means III (left), recipient, and Emma LeJeune (right), presenting.



Dixie Farms, Gloster, owns the 2020 Louisiana Angus Ass'n Bull Sale's top-selling female bred heifer. Pictured are Bob Burford (left), recipient, and Emma LeJeune, presenting.

Georgia Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting and Banquet, May 22, Jefferson



Trent Davis (right), Davis Cattle LLC, Sylvester, was recognized as the Commercial Producer of the Year. Presenting was Mike McCravy (left), Georgia Angus Ass'n board member.



Charles McPeake, Arnoldsville, was posthumously inducted into the Georgia Angus Hall of Fame. Charles' family accepted the award on his behalf. Pictured are Julie (from left), Naomi, Andrew, Cam and Sandra McPeake, and Aubrey, Andrea and Darren Overholser.



Wynder Smith (right), Wadley, was inducted into the Georgia Angus Hall of Fame. Pictured presenting is Smitty Lamb (left), Georgia Angus Ass'n board member.

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Southwestern Wisconsin Angus Classic Show, May 30, Lancaster



The 2021 Southwestern Wisconsin Angus Classic Show was dedicated to the family of the late Jack Mason, Glen Haven, Wis.

Alabama Angus Ass'n Junior Preview Show and Field Day, June 4-5, Woodville



Upchurch Angus Cattle and Upchurch Brothers Farm, both of Lineville, were named Breeders of the Year. Pictured are Richard Dyar (back row from left), presenting; Jason, BriAnna and Randall Upchurch, recipients; and Bryson (front row from left), Camden and Cage Upchurch.



The Mickey Allen family of Sweetgum Farms, Lexington, were named Family of the Year. Pictured are Jason Stewart (from left), herdsman; and Emma, Wheeler, Mickey and April Allen.

Tennessee Angus Ass'n Junior Preview Show, June 5, Lebanon



The Bill Baird family of Lebanon received the Family of the Year award. Pictured are Lee Duckworth (from left), presenting; Mark, Allison, Yvonne, Bill, Dean and Jennifer Baird, recipients; and Dwight King, presenting.



Alli Perry (left), Fayetteville, was presented the Top Hand Award by Jamie Nicholson (right).