



Angus Foundation Honors Schlutzes for Service

Bob and Marillyn Schlutz recognized as the 2019 Honorary Angus Foundation inductees for their dedication to Angus youth.

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The late Bob Schlutz, and his wife, Marillyn, were recognized Friday, July 19, during the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Louisville, Ky.

“We are grateful to have had the support of Marillyn and Bob,” says Rod Schoenbine, Angus Foundation director of development. “We are proud to be able to honor Marillyn at the National Junior Angus Show and to remember Bob’s life of service to Angus youth.”

The Honorary Angus Foundation was started in 1985 as a tradition to recognize individuals who went above and beyond to support the Angus Foundation’s mission. Seven inductees were chosen that first year by the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). Since then, each year a maximum of three inductees are selected to be recognized.

The couple proved themselves as invaluable servants to the Angus breed during Bob’s lifetime, and Marillyn continues their core values and philanthropic mindset today. Their involvement is a clear representation of their dedication to the Angus industry.

“Bob and Marillyn could never be thanked enough for all they have done to support Angus junior members,” Schoenbine says. “It’s

supporters like the Schlutzes who have made programs that are supported by the Angus Foundation what they are today.”



Bob and Marillyn Schlutz were inducted into the Honorary Angus Foundation. Pictured are the Schlutzes during the 2017 NJAS show dedication.

In 1948, as a young man Bob bought his first registered Angus heifer as a 4-H project. Years later, his one Angus heifer would evolve into Da-Es-Ro Angus Farms in Columbus Junction, Iowa. Bob and Marillyn loved exhibiting Angus cattle with their son, Kevin, and ever since, they have been supporters of the NJAA.

Bob was exceptionally active on the state level, but even more so, he dedicated his time to serving on the Board of Directors for the American Angus Association, the Angus Foundation and the Iowa State Fair. Likewise, Marillyn served

as the Chairman of the Iowa Angus Auxiliary. She served on numerous committees for both the Iowa Angus Auxiliary as well as the American

Angus Auxiliary.

During the past 15 years, the Schlutzes have donated consistently every year. All together, they have generously given more than \$42,800 to the Angus Foundation. They belong to the elite group of Angus Foundation Lifetime Donors and specifically were honored with the Lifetime Angus Platinum Benefactor Award. Additionally, they made a \$25,000 contribution to the “*Vision of Value: Campaign for Angus*” specifically to support the Foundation’s activities.

Bob and Marillyn’s unsurpassed dedication to the Angus industry was celebrated at the 2017 NJAS as the show was dedicated to them in their honor. Individuals recognize the names of Bob and Marillyn Schlutz and associate them with words like professional, hard-working yet humble, despite all their success.

The Schlutzes’ legacy has been grand, and a lasting impact is sure to be felt for several generations of Angus juniors to come. 