

Angus Heritage Foundation Names 1993 Inductees

The Angus breed and the American Angus Association owe an incalculable debt to the many men and women who have worked tirelessly and selflessly to make Angus cattle and the Association leaders in the beef cattle world.

The Angus Heritage Foundation was established in 1983 by the Association Board of Directors in recognition of this debt. The sole purpose of the Foundation is to identify and appropriately honor the people who have made major contributions to the improvement and advancement of Angus in the United States.

Angus Heritage Foundation inductees are selected by committees of noted breeders, agricultural journalists and industry leaders appointed by the Association Board of Directors. These people have etched a positive, indelible mark on the Angus business through various combinations of ability, dedication, integrity, sound judgment, foresightedness and force of personality.

The men and women honored range from George Grant, the farsighted Scotsman who brought the first Angus cattle to the United States in 1873, to people who are still living and active in the business. They include breeders, educators, cattle feeders, showmen, and pioneers in performance testing.

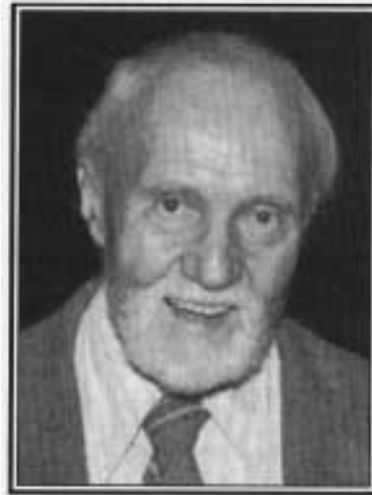
The American Angus Association will formally induct three people into the Angus Heritage Foundation during its Annual Banquet in Louisville, Ky., Nov. 15.

Those to be honored include: Otis Deal, Eldorado, Texas; Robert Miller, Mabel, Minn.; and Frank Murphy, Sanibel, Fla.

The American Angus Association also honors one deceased person who has made great contributions to the breed by inducting him into the Foundation. This year, however, there was a three-way tie so three deceased members will be inducted. They include: Robert Sitz, Glen Bratcher and George Graham.

Each recipient will have his name engraved on the Heritage Foundation plaque that is maintained in Association headquarters in St. Joseph, Mo.

❖ Frank Murphy ❖



Official artist of the American Angus Association for more than 40 years, Murphy was artist for all of the Association's advertising from the early 1950s through 1983.

His ads have won numerous awards, including first place from the American Advertising Federation and first from the National Agri-Marketing Association.

His painting of the first Angus brought to America was used in the 1973 first-class postage stamp that honored the centennial of Angus in the United States.

Thousands of reproductions of his paintings of Angus and Angus scenes have been distributed in helping to promote the Angus breed throughout the United States and the world.

❖ Otis Deal ❖



This Eldorado, Texas, native bought his first registered Angus in 1954. For 18 years he served on the board of directors of the Texas Angus Association. In 1978 he received the first and only honorary life membership for meritorious service to the Texas Angus Association.

He worked with feeder calf sales in San Angelo for 17 years, so much in fact that on May 12, 1987, the San

May 12, 1987, the San Angelo mayor proclaimed the day as "Otis Deal Day — Feeder Calf Sales Award."

Deal also served as superintendent of the Junior Angus Show in San Angelo and enjoys working with youth.

❖ Robert Miller ❖



The third of five generations of a family of Angus cattle breeders and promoters, Miller started in the Angus business in 1940. Viewlawn Farms, Mabel, Minn., was founded by his grandfather in 1903 and became a major seedstock source under Bob Miller's direction.

Miller was a founding member of the Minnesota Beef Improvement

Association and was president for two years.

He served two terms on the American Angus Association Board of Directors and was active in the Minnesota Angus Association, serving as president and vice president. He was instrumental in furthering the growth of the Angus breed in his area.

❖ Glen Bratcher ❖



A world-renown judge, judging team coach and American Angus Association executive secretary, Bratcher's service to the Angus breed came in many forms.

He judged every major show in the United States, including two Angus shows and a steer show at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago and four All-American Futurities.

He was head of the animal husbandry department at Oklahoma State University (formerly Oklahoma A&M College). As judging team coach there, his teams won many national contests and many of his students went on to become livestock industry leaders.

Angus cattle registrations were 176,950 when he became secretary in 1963, and were 406,310 when he died in 1968.

❖ George Graham ❖



A Wichita Falls, Texas, rancher and oilman, Graham founded 77 Ranch in 1951. He was one of the area's few Angus breeders when he bought the 2,000-acre ranch.

He was a director and served as president of the American Angus Association Board.

He also served on the board of the Texas Angus Association and was elected president. He was

instrumental in fund raising for the Texas Angus Association's headquarters building.

❖ Robert Sitz ❖



An innovative leader in the breeding of performance Angus seedstock, Sitz was one of the first cattlemen to utilize performance testing, the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program, and to promote the concept of the Angus Sire Evaluation.

This Harrison, Mont., rancher was named both the Beef Improvement Federation's and Montana's Seedstock

Producer of the Year. He concentrated on the traits that are important to the beef industry — ease of calving, weaning weights, yearling weights, maternal ability, efficiency in the feedlot, and carcass cutability.

Sitz was an owner of QAS Traveler 23-4 and hosted one of the largest, most successful Angus sales in the country.

Leadership roles included serving six years on the American Angus Association Board of Directors.

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