

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



Brian C. Meier, 44, Jackson, Mo., died Sept. 4, 2023, at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

Meier was born April 1, 1979, in Cape Girardeau, to Paul “Butch” and Eileen Hartmann Meier. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Jackson. Meier was a 1997 graduate of Jackson High School and married Paula Eftink Nov. 1, 2003, in Chaffee, Mo.

Meier was a fifth-generation farmer on the family farm just south of Jackson, where he managed Butch’s Angus and developed a true passion for Angus cattle, showing on local, state and national levels.

Meier’s affiliations include the American Angus Association, Missouri Angus Association (past president), Missouri Cattleman’s Association, SEMO Cattlemen’s Association, MFA (board member), SEMO District Fair (board member and beef superintendent) and the Elks Lodge in Jackson.

Loving survivors include his wife of nearly 20 years, Paula Meier; children, Josey, Gracyn, and Baxter; his parents, Paul “Butch” and Eileen Meier; and brother, Greg (Lesley).



Donald Painter, 97, died Sept. 15, 2023.

He was born in Saint Joseph, Mo., Sept., 10, 1926, to George and Rose Tindle Painter.

He lived all his life in the Saint Joseph area, graduating from Lafayette High School where he participated in sports and was a skilled boxer, eventually boxing at a semi- and pro level.

After high school, Painter served in the Merchant Marines during World War II. He sailed on tankers in the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans. After the war, he returned to Saint Joseph, where he met and married Louise Koneczny June 25, 1952.

He worked for the railroad in the Corby Building in downtown Saint Joseph. During the Korean War he was drafted, and he served as first sergeant on the front lines and was awarded the Bronze Star for his service. After his discharge from the Army, he returned to his former job.

In June of 1956, Painter went to work at the American Angus Association as a supervisor. He was named office manager two years later and director of member services in 1978. He was inducted in the Angus Heritage Foundation in 1992 and retired from the Association in 2001.

Painter was highly respected for

his integrity and strong work ethic. He cared relentlessly for his parents, wife, and companion, Joyce Watts. He was also an outdoorsman. During the years, he had cabins on area lakes and rivers, and several motorcycles and planes.

Painter is survived by nephews, nieces and many friends.



Oct. 8, 2023, after a short illness,

Barbara McConnell Yon, 79, went to be with our Heavenly Father. Yon was

born July 7, 1944, and lived in Anderson, S.C., for most of her life.

It was there she met Phillip, her devoted husband of 61 years, and they raised their family. After retiring, they moved to Ridge Spring in 1996 and have resided on their family’s farm since then. She was the daughter of Alice Elrod Drake and B.H. (Doc) Drake.

Yon was the mother of Kathy (David) and Phillip (Lydia), and grandmother (or “Papa” as they fondly called her) to six of her favorite people. Barbara was also the proud great-grandmother of 11. Her best bud was her four-legged companion, Bo.

Yon studied education and graduated from Lander College and

with her master's of early childhood education at Clemson University. She spent her working career as a teacher for more than 20 years. After retiring from education, Yon spent many happy years creating art, gardening, traveling, reading, enjoying her grandchildren and volunteering.

Yon was a founding member of the Art Association of Ridge Spring, and lived a life full of color. Twice, she and Phillip lived in Japan as missionaries teaching English and spreading God's love. They also went on other mission trips to Taiwan and Indonesia.



Jimmy Julius Bowles, Sr., 85, of Albany, Ga., died Oct. 12, 2023, at his residence.

Jimmy was born in Sale City, Ga., to

Wilborn and Sally Will Bowles. His family soon moved to Lee County, where Bowles grew up on Fowl Town Farms. He graduated from Lee County High School in 1956 and attended Abraham Baldwin College.

Bowles married Dolores Justice in 1957, whom he had met when she was 13 years old while swimming at the Blue Hole on Kinchafoonee Creek.

He returned to Lee County and was employed with Haley Farms, and then spent the rest of his career at Graham Angus Farm. He retired as farm manager, but continued to serve as farm emeritus and oversee the timber operations.

Bowles was a member of the Georgia Cattleman's Association and was a true outdoorsman, hunting deer, dove and quail — but he especially loved turkey hunting.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years; son, Steve (Wanda); four grandchildren; and his 11 great-grandchildren.



Janet L. Shackelford, 73, Saint Joseph, Mo., passed away Oct. 24, 2023. She was born Sept. 17, 1950, to the late John

Leslie and Elizabeth Claudine (Miller) Daniel in Gentryville, Mo.

Janet graduated from Stanberry High School in 1968. She married Rickey Joe Shackelford Oct. 26, 1968, and they were married for 50 years before his passing in 2019.

She dedicated a remarkable 55 years of her life to the American Angus Association, where she was deeply appreciated for her love and friendly nature by colleagues (read about her service to the Association in the October 2018 *Angus Journal* or visit www.angusjournal.net/post/always-angus).

Janet was a beloved family member and friend. She is survived by her sister, Linda; brother-in-law, Roger; nieces and nephews, Susan (Jamie), Doug and Derick (Shelley); and numerous other nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, extended family and many workplace friends.

As we remember Janet, her radiating warmth, loving nature, and friendly personality leave a positive memory etched in our hearts.

New York State Fair ROV Angus Show, Aug. 8, Syracuse

Photo by Megan Anderson Photography, courtesy of American Angus Association.



C&C Farms, Chad Hazekamp, West Winfield, N.Y., won premier exhibitor.

Iowa State Fair Angus Show, Aug. 15, Des Moines



Jensen Angus Farm, Plainfield, Iowa, won premier breeder. Pictured are Cale (left) and Callie Jensen.



Cody Jensen (left), Plainfield, Iowa, received the Bob Schlutz Memorial Award. Also pictured is Lynn Hagen, presenting.