

Angus Hall of Fame in 2015. Cheshier Angus Farm had been a member of the American Angus Association since 2003.

In addition to his wife, Clarence is survived by sons Richard and Phillip; daughter Carla; stepdaughter Melinda; stepson Troy; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Texas Junior Angus Scholarship Fund.

Don Norton, 63, Lenexa, Kan., died March 13.

Don married Connie Klaassen Dec. 14, 1974, and they became the parents of two children, Shad and Seth. They have one grandchild, Kellan Norton.

Don was an active member of Heartland Community Church where he volunteered, helping children with special needs. For the last 20 years he was a printing salesman at Boelte-Hall Litho and prior to that owned his own printing company for 22 years.

In addition to his wife, Don is survived by son Seth; sister Sharon; brother Bruce; and grandson Kellan.

Pamela “Pam” Patterson, 62, Billings, Mont., died at her home March 23.

Pam was born Sept. 16, 1954, in Chicago,

Ill., to George and Jane Wilson. The youngest of four children, she joined older twin brothers Jay and Jerry and sister Whitney.

She grew up in a beautiful neighborhood on Woodland Lane in Northfield, Ill. She attended Sunset Ridge elementary school and graduated from New Trier West High School in 1972.

Her childhood was filled with routine activities and attending many Shrine events with her parents. Her love of animals probably started on her annual visits to her grandparents’ farm in Colorado. Dogs and cats soon evolved into horses. From a pony named Ned to showing American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) horses April and Tuffy, she won youth all-arounds all over the Midwest. She represented the “Land of Lincoln” on their youth team and also as their queen at the Quarter Horse Congress.

Following in her brother Jay’s footsteps, she entered Montana State University (MSU) in Bozeman in the fall of 1972. Majoring in animal science she was a member of Pi Beta



Pam Patterson

Phi Sorority. Her 42-year adventure with a kid from the hills of Montana began behind a cow in artificial insemination (AI) class in 1974. Pam and John Patterson were married Nov. 9, 1974, and returned to his family’s ranch on Shane Ridge south of Columbus. She enrolled in Billings Vo-tech after several years and became a Licensed Practical Nurse. Using her degree, she worked at a nursing home in Red Lodge until her sons Tom and Mark were born in 1980 and 1983, respectively.

Simultaneously using the AI skills that brought them together, she and John began building a small purebred Angus herd, 3210 Angus. They have been members of the American Angus Association since 1982. As the boys grew and entered school in Columbus she returned to medicine, this time as a dental assistant — first for Dr. Schlehner and more recently for Dr. Vesbach. The next 30 years she spent with kids, cattle and cavities until her failing health forced her to retire in June of 2016.

She served as vice-president and president of the Montana Angus Auxiliary and for years chaired their Ways and Means program. For many years she and John served as advisors of the Montana Junior Angus Association. They were honored to be

Angus Foundation representative to 2017 NCBA YCC

The Angus Foundation is pleased to announce that third-generation Angus breeder Lake Elliott of Robert Elliott & Sons Angus, Adams, Tenn., has been selected as the Angus representative to the 2017 Young Cattlemen’s Conference (YCC), hosted by the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (NCBA).

NCBA’s YCC program is an opportunity for young leaders to gain an understanding of all aspects of the beef industry, from pasture to plate, and showcase the industry’s involvement in policy making, issues management, research, education and marketing.

“The opportunity to learn more about all aspects of our end product and the placement/regulation of that product is very important to my operation,” Elliott says. “Also, the amount of interaction with legislators in the YCC program allows for some guidance in what needs to be done to ensure a future.”

Robert Elliott & Sons Angus raises 260 registered Angus cattle, and Elliott serves as herdsman for the operation.

Elliott’s leadership skills blossomed as a teenager, serving as a Tennessee Junior Angus Association director for four years and then as vice president. He also represented Tennessee as a voting delegate in National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) elections. As a teenager, Elliott served as a voting delegate to the annual Angus Convention of Delegates, a role he has served in more than 10 times, to date.

Elliott has a degree from the University of Tennessee–Knoxville (UTK) in animal science with emphasis in production and management. During his college years, Elliott was a member and

officer in Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, the UTK Student Cattlemen’s Association and Block & Bridle.

He’s also been a member of NCBA for 20 years and has attended the Cattle Industry Convention.

Elliott has served for six years as an advisor to the Tennessee Junior Angus Association and served as the adult chair of the education committee at the 2012 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). He has also served six years on the Tennessee Angus Association board of directors. He participated in the 2009 Beef Leaders Institute.

“My involvement with youth activities has been the most rewarding,” Elliott says. “I believe our junior members will carry the torch for our breed and its place within the beef industry. Several junior members that I once mentored are extremely successful adult members today.”

Outside the Angus industry, Elliott has also stepped into leadership roles. He served for six years as a director of the Tennessee Beef Industry Council, and four of those years as vice chairman. In addition, Elliott has served three years as Montgomery County Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers president.

“Lake is a natural-born leader,” says Chuck Grove, Forest, Va., one of Elliott’s references. “He is precisely the type of individual this program was designed to assist — future leaders of the beef industry.”

“We feel that Lake will be an outstanding representative of the Angus breed,” says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. “His outstanding leadership skills and activity in giving back to the Angus industry made him an ideal choice for the YCC opportunity.”

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Lake Elliott