



Newsmakers

► Items of interest about and for members of our Angus family. Compiled by **Linda Evans**, assistant editor

IN THE NEWS

Richard McClung, Bridgewater, Va., was inducted into the Virginia Livestock Hall of Fame Oct. 21 at the Virginia Tech Alphin-Stuart Livestock Arena in Blacksburg, Va. The Virginia Angus Association says McClung has devoted his life to the beef industry and the Angus business and this honor is well-deserved.

IN PASSING

Robina Leonard, 83, Guthrie Center, Iowa, formerly of Perry, Iowa, died Sept. 21 at the New Homestead in Guthrie Center.

Robina was born May 2, 1934, to Alton and Beulah (Theobald) Royer near Adel, Iowa. She attended Country School and then graduated from Washington Township School with the class of 1953. After graduating, she attended McPherson College at McPherson, Kan.

She was united in marriage to Gary Leonard at Panther Creek Church of the Brethren June 1, 1956. She taught at Washington Township and Yale schools. She later worked in the dietary department at Dallas County Hospital.

Robina was a member of the Panther Creek Church of the Brethren and the Iowa Angus Auxiliary. She enjoyed going to craft shows, gardening and raising chickens. She especially enjoyed sewing for her family and excelled in making torn jeans wearable again for her grandchildren.

Survivors include daughters LaRoyce and Lynnette; sister Linda; grandchildren Justin, Tyler, Ashley, Courtney and Cody; great-grandchildren Hunter and Shay; and several nieces and nephews.

Mildred Harrold, 97, Akron, Ind., died Oct. 9 at her residence.

Mildred was born on Dec. 19, 1919, in Kosciusko County, Ind., to Oren and Grace (Cook) Craig.

She was united in marriage on Nov. 26, 1942, in the residence she had lived in most of her life to Dorris Harrold.

Mildred graduated from Beaver Dam High School and Manchester College. She received a teaching degree with a life license in two years. She taught school 33 years in the Franklin, Beaver Dam, and Warsaw school systems.

She and her husband raised Angus cattle all their married life and received the Historic Angus Herd award in 2005. They instilled their love of cattle in their daughter, Sharon, the first Miss American Angus queen and scholarship winner. Their granddaughter, Jill, was the 25th Miss American Angus, a scholarship winner and communications director for the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB). Granddaughter Janelle Sommers Deatsman was a first-place scholarship winner, chairman of the NJAB, and received the NJAA Outstanding Leadership Award. The love for raising and showing cattle continues with Mildred's great-grandsons Luke and Chase Harker and Collin and Landon Deatsman.

She was a life member of the Indiana Angus Auxiliary and the American Angus Auxiliary. For many years if you were at a cattle show anywhere in this part of the country and someone had an appliqué sweatshirt on, Mildred had made it and the Indiana Angus Auxiliary, for which she sewed for 20 years, had sold it.

She was a member of the Beaver Dam United Methodist Church for more than 65 years.

She and Dorris were Kosciusko County 4-H leaders for 18 years.

Mildred is survived by son Richard; daughter Sharon; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Judith "Judi" (Morton) Drake, Davis, Okla., 75, died Oct. 13 at her home, surrounded by her family.

Judi was born Jan. 13, 1942, in Sulphur, Okla., to R.W. and Maxine (Hillbish) Morton.

Judi grew up in Sulphur. Following her 1960 graduation from Sulphur High School, she attended the University of Oklahoma, pledging Delta Gamma sorority.

While in high school, Judi met Tom Drake of Davis. After dating for five years, she and Tom were married July 14, 1962, in Sulphur. They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this past summer.

Judi co-owned and operated the Finishing Touch Gift Shop in Davis for several years. Most of her married life was spent being a devoted and loving wife and mother. Judi was an avid reader who also enjoyed playing games. However, her greatest joy came from her family. From traveling to faraway places to attending local football games, Judi kept up with all family activities.

In addition to her husband, Judi is survived by daughters Stacey, Paige and Ashley; brothers Ed and Tom; nine grandchildren; one great-grandson; her bonus daughter Kelly Owens; and numerous nieces and nephews.

INDUSTRY EXTRAS

Jim Gulliford of Missouri has been appointed as regional administrator for Region 7 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Gulliford will oversee environmental protection efforts in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. He previously held the position of regional administrator for Region 7 from 2001-2006.



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South Dakota Angus Ass'n Annual Meeting, Fort Pierre, Oct. 14



► **Left:** Elected to the South Dakota Angus Ass'n board of directors are (from left) **Troy Thomas**, Harrold, director; **Jon Bussmus**, Mitchell, director; **Aaron Schelske**, Virgil, treasurer; **Blake Eisenbeisz**, Bowdle, director; and **Joshua Mohnen**, White Lake, president.

► **Right:** **Raven Angus**, Colome, received the Breeder of the Year award. Pictured are (from left) R.J. and Sara Petersek, and Leslie and Rod Petersek.



