

In Memoriam

Adrian Paulson

Adrian Paulson, Andover, S.D., 87, passed away July 1, 2024, at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen. S.D.

He was born on March 3, 1937, in Webster, S.D., to the late Henry and Helen (Peterson) Paulson. He grew up on the family farm near Roslyn, S.D., and attended country school. He graduated from Roslyn High School and continued his education at Northern State Teacher's College.

Adrian taught at a rural country school south of Webster until he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was honorably discharged as an E-4 in June 1962. He joked that he had it easy because he could type, so he became a clerk instead of an auto mechanic. After discharge, he returned to teaching sixth graders in Watertown, S.D.

In 1973, he left teaching and moved to Andover, where he farmed with his family. He was gifted with the ability to fix or construct anything from wiring to plumbing to concrete work and more. He was known as "Betty Crocker" to some for the cookies, bars and cakes he baked for fairs and shows.

He was involved with the Day County and South Dakota Dairy Herd Improvement Associations, the South Dakota Jersey Breeders Association, the South Dakota Dairy Farmer Foundation, the Minnesota Valley Breeders Association, 21st Century Genetics and Land O'Lakes. He also served on boards for the Groton school and Andover township.

He is survived by his children, Andy (Kara) Paulson of Andover, an appraiser with the American Jersey Cattle Association, and Allyn (Tammy Voegeli) Paulson of Rockford, Ill.; six grandchildren; brothers, Bryon (Madonna) Paulson of Springfield, Mo., and Lew (Carol) Paulson of Hosmer; and several niece and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Arlene, in 2021, his brother, Boyd, and a sister, Madeline.

Peggy Jeannette Holbrook

Peggy Jeanette Holbrook, Murfreesboro, Tenn., 85, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on July 11, 2024.

She was a native of Robertson County and had been a resident of Rutherford County since 1961.

Peggy was a partner with her late

husband, Jack, in Jack Holbrook Service and matriarch of Holbrook Farms.

She is survived by sons, Bobby (Connie) Holbrook, David (Melissa) Holbrook, Jimmy Holbrook; two granddaughters; and two great-grandchildren and one on the way.

In addition to her husband of 54 years, Jack, she was preceded in death by her parents, David Thomas "DT" Pinson and Margaret Lucille Wright Pinson, a brother, Larry Pinson, and a sister, Jean Pitt.

Memorials may be made to the American Jersey Cattle Association Youth Scholarship Fund (6486 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068).

Larry Richard Kempton

Larry Richard Kempton, Green Valley, Ariz., 71, passed away at his home surrounded by loving family on July 13, 2024, after an eight-year battle with multiple systems atrophy (MSA).

He was born December 4, 1952, in Tucson, Ariz., the youngest child and only son of the late Donald and Florence (Weidinger) Kempton. He spent his youth in Williamsport, Ohio, helping his family on Meadoway Farm. He was active with 4-H and participated in basketball, cross country and the school musical. He graduated from Westfall High School in 1971.

Larry attended Ohio State University for one semester and then returned home to help run the family farm. In 1973, he enrolled in the University of Wyoming, moved to Laramie and began his journey as a cowboy. He earned a degree in agriculture communications in 1977.

The American Jersey Cattle Club hired Larry as an area representative in May 1977 and he was charged with serving breeders in New England and New York. In January 1979, he became managing editor of the Jersey Journal. He left the AJCC two years later to manage several large dairy farms in Durham, N.Y., and Athens, Tenn. He returned to the Jersey offices in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, in July 1984 as head of the information department. In this position, he was responsible for information, promotions, news releases and advertising, and then helped to manage field staff, exports for Jersey Marketing Service, and the All American.

Through his work as an area representative, he met the love of his life, Tamara Lee Gates, a farmer's daughter from Vermont. The two married in Franklin, Vt., on June 18, 1981, and had three children whom Larry described as

his greatest achievement.

In 1988, Larry and Tammy moved to her hometown of Franklin to pursue their dream of running a Registered Jersey farm—Meadoway Jerseys. The farm allowed the couple to raise their young family "on the farm" as they had.

Although his career as a dairy farmer ended in 1994, Larry continued to be involved in the dairy industry. He loved cows and reveled in the chance to "talk shop" with anyone else in the dairy world who was up for it. He became a licensed auctioneer and cried many Jersey sales, including sales put on by the Vermont Jersey Breeders Association and the New England Jersey Breeders Association, which presented him with the Distinguished Service Award.

While in Vermont, Larry volunteered with many community organizations. He coordinated recreations for vacation Bible school, coached youth baseball and basketball, and was an emergency medical technician and a counselor at Green Mountain Boys State. He was the town administrator for Highgate from 2001-2007 and also served on the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, the Northwest Regional Planning Commission and the Franklin County chapter of the Vermont Republican Party.

Larry and Tammy moved to Green Valley in 2010. They established Home-watch CareGivers of Green Valley. Larry was also a longtime volunteer for the Desert Southwest Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and president of the Green Valley/Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce and the Valle Verde Rotary Club. He was a loyal church parishioner and usher at Desert Hills Lutheran Church and especially enjoyed his involvement with the Bookmen group.

Larry was eclectic and passionate. An avid traveler, he visited five continents and all 50 states. He was tremendously curious, always reading, almost exclusively non-fiction. He loved country and gospel music and musical theatre. He always cooked enough food to have leftovers and enjoyed happy hour. He will be remembered for his characteristic mustache, thundering laugh and keeping the radio and television in the house about twice as loud as necessary. He will also be remembered for his smile and kindness.

In addition to his wife of 43 years, Tamara, he is survived by their three children, Riley (Annette) Kempton of Tucson, Rebecca (Nick) Fulton of Laramie, Wyo., and Wesley (Madison) Kempton of Franklin, Vt.; seven grand-

children; many nieces, nephews and cousins and a large supportive family on Tammy's side.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Linda Kempton Leduc.

Per his wishes, Larry's body has been donated to science to aid in the continuation of human knowledge and discovery.

In lieu of flowers, donations made be made to MSA research (Mission MSA, 1660 International Drive, Ste. 600, McLean, VA 22102) or the AJCC Research Foundation (6486 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068)