

In Memoriam

Richard Dee Brewer

Richard Dee “Rick” Brewer, Ar-
rington, Tenn., 73, passed away on
November 24, 2023, at Resurrection
Hospital in Chicago, Ill.

Rick was born on the family dairy
farm in Springfield, Ohio, on January 2,
1950, the son of the late Julie and Elmer
Brewer. He graduated from Shawnee
High School in 1968 and married the
love of his life, the late Laurie Kelly
Brewer, on December 26, 1971.

The Brewers operated Laurick Jer-
seys with their family. They were active
on the show circuit, and regular exhibi-
tors at state fairs and the All American
Jersey Show. Among the standouts
are Laurick Berretta Calais, 2000 All
American Junior Two-Year-Old, and
Laurick Master Elle, 1994 Ohio State
Fair Grand Champion. Laurick Giller
Missie was All-Canadian Senior Two-
Year-Old in 2011 and topped the Fran-
chise Kind Sale in 2014 for \$24,000.

He was a member of the American
Jersey Cattle Association, heavily in-
volved in 4-H, and a strong supporter
of youth activities.

Friend to many and widely known
as “Uncle Jesse,” Brewer was always
willing to lend a hand or ear in dairy and
sports communities alike and positively
impacted the lives of many. He was
a multiple sport athlete, turning his
interest to the Tennessee Association
of Vintage Baseball in recent years.
He was a mentor and coach across
several decades and served as league
commissioner in 2021 and 2022.
Though he enjoyed spending time
on any ball field, his favorite hobbies
were watching his grandchildren play
basketball and his beloved New York
Yankees play baseball.

Rick is survived by two sons, Matthew
(Missy) Brewer of Danville, Ohio, and
Lucas (Mary) Brewer of Lewisburg,
Tenn.; five grandchildren; two sisters,
Deb (Goat) Atherton of Vandalia, Ohio,
and Barbie Carmichael of Dalton, Ohio;
several nieces and nephews; a close and
special friend, Jean Simpson; a brother-
in-law, Michael Kelly of Marietta,
Ohio; and a sister-in-law, Jody Kelly
of Terrace, B.C.

In addition to his parents and wife,
he was preceded in death by a brother,
Bill Brewer.

Memorials may be made to the Rick
Brewer Memorial Fund of the Tennes-
see 4-H Foundation (checks payable to
the Tennessee 4-H Foundation;

mention Rick Brewer Memorial Fund
on check), 2621 Morgan Circle, 205
Morgan Hall, Knoxville, TN 37996.
Memorials may be made online at
<https://tn4hfoundation.org/donate/>.

Ai B. Metcalf

Ai. B. Metcalf, Piermont, N.H., 53,
passed away at Dartmouth Hitchcock
Medical Center on November 25, 2023.

He was born on July 25, 1970, to
Abby (Johnson) and John Metcalf
in Woodsville, N.H. He grew up in
Piermont with his two siblings, Asa and
Abigail, and graduated from Orford
High School in 1988. He married
the late Michelle Ann Stevens on
September 17, 1994.

Metcalf worked at Johnson’s Dairy
Farm in Northwood, N.H., then moved
back to Piermont in 1994 to establish
Secret Oakes Farm, a Registered Jersey
farm. The herd was dispersed in June
2003. Metcalf also worked for the Dairy
Herd Improvement Association for
several years.

He was a member of the American
Jersey Cattle Association. He loved
showing cows and Toggenburg dairy
goats in 4-H. Ai was an avid fan of the
New York Yankees and loved sports of
all kinds.

In addition to his mother, Abby,
brother, Asa (Heidi), and sister, Abigail
(Jeff) Underhill, Metcalf is survived by
his three children, Thomas Stevens-
Metcalf, Helenmae Stevens-Metcalf
(Justin Smith), and Kathleen (Nate)
McNielly; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his fa-
ther in 2021 and his wife, Michelle, in
2019.

Memorials may be made to the 4-H
Foundation of New Hampshire, the
Tom Fairchild 4-H Dairy Endowment,
at [https://extension.unh.edu/new-
hampshire-4-h/4-h-foundation-new-
hampshire](https://extension.unh.edu/new-hampshire-4-h/4-h-foundation-new-hampshire).