

## In Memoriam

### Elizabeth Joyce Brown

Elizabeth "Joyce" Brown, Centerburg, Ohio, 90, passed away peacefully at her home on January 10, 2025.

She was born on August 20, 1934, to the late Rex and Marcella Moreland and grew up on Chapman Farm, owned by her parents. She married Robert W. Brown on February 11, 1955.

In 1967, after Robert left his 12-year job as a storeroom truck driver for Pittsburgh Plate Glass, the couple took over management of Chapmore Farm. Joyce was a dedicated wife and homemaker and worked alongside Robert milking and promoting their Registered Jerseys. The family showed cattle under the farm name, Brownline Jerseys, exhibiting at the Ohio Spring Dairy Expo, Ohio State Fair, World Dairy Expo and the All American Jersey Show.

Joyce was active in 4-H in her youth and carried that dedication to the organization into adulthood as an advisor in Knox County for over 35 years. She was a lifetime member of Milford Church of Christ, where she played piano, served with the Dorcas Society and could be counted on to prepare delicious dishes for church functions. She was famous for pies made for the Centerburg Old Time Farming Festival.

If you ever had the opportunity to meet Joyce, it was evident she was an angel on earth. She always wore a smile, had a positive attitude and thought of others before herself. She enjoyed feeding and watching birds and loved flowers and her cat.

Joyce is survived by children, Brenda (Ralph) Uhe of Footville, Wisc., Stuart (Dee) Brown of Centerburg and Cindy Brown of Walhonding, Ohio; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a sister, Eileen Johns of Aluchua, Fla.; and her caregiver, Katie Gribben.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Bob, in December 2020.

Memorials may be made to Milford Church of Christ, 3648 Johnstown Rd., Centerburg, OH 43011.

### Patricia Virginia Wickstrom

Patricia Virginia "Pat" Wickstrom, Hilmar, Calif., 90, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her immediate family on January 13, 2025.

She was born in Turlock, Calif., on September 27, 1934, to the late Earl and Virginia Goodell. She graduated from Hilmar High School in 1952 and earned

a degree from San Jose State College in 1956. That same year, she married her lifelong partner, Duane Wickstrom, embarking on a journey that spanned nearly seven decades.

Pat's life was a testament to education, family and community service. She began her career as an accredited teacher and dedicated years to educating others as a substitute teacher.

In 1968, Duane and Pat established Wickstrom Jersey Farm with 160 cows and bred cattle using the Du-Pat prefix. Pat managed the office and supported the family business alongside Duane. She was also his steadfast right hand in all things: his biggest softball fan, an active supporter of his work on dairy boards, and a proponent of his Rotary Club activities.

Pat was also a staunch supporter of all things Jersey as Duane helped to found Jerseyland Sires in 1979, was a two-term director of the American Jersey Cattle Association (AJCA) and received the AJCA Master Breeder Award in 2002. Their two sons, Scott and Mike, followed in his footsteps as AJCA board members as well and are now milking several thousand Jerseys on two farms in Hilmar with their families.

Off the farm, Pat was a Boy Scout den mother and a Girl Scout leader. She was president of the Parent Teacher Association, a volunteer for the Emanuel Medical Center and chair and co-chair of the annual Swedish smorgasbord dinner at Hilmar Covenant Church. She was a member of Soroptimist International, the Philanthropic Educational Organization, the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Tuesday reading club. She served 25 years on the board of the Merced County Office of Education.

Pat also found joy in travel, which included international destinations while Duane served with the World Jersey Cattle Bureau. She also enjoyed cheering on Hilmar's sports teams.

Pat is survived by three children and their spouses, Scott (Vicki) Wickstrom, Susan Vierra and Michael (Margaret) Wickstrom; a sister, Marilyn Johnson; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 66 years, Duane, in December 2021.

Memorials may be made in Pat's honor to a charity of your choice.

### Camille Marie Kopriva Regli

Camille Marie Kopriva Regli, Fortuna, Calif., 86, passed away peacefully

on January 14, 2025, surrounded by family. She passed after a long battle with lung complications caused by Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency and a recent battle with multiple myeloma.

The eldest of five children, she was born on July 18, 1938, in Bowbells, N.D., to Eugene and Dolores Kopriva. Growing up during the transformative years of World War II, the family moved to Key West, Fla., where her father taught navigation in the Navy, and then to several other states. They eventually settled in St. Maries, Idaho, where Camille completed high school. She continued her education at Humboldt State University and then at San Francisco State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in medical technology in 1960.

During the summer of 1958, while home in Fortuna, Camille's roommate, Pat Regli, introduced her to her older brother, Joe, who had returned from serving in the Army in Germany. The two married on September 17, 1960, and Camille worked as a lab technician for St. Joseph Hospital until their first child was born in 1961. Together, they raised five children on their family farm, Seawood Jerseys, where she dedicated herself to motherhood, community involvement and feeding calves.

Among the challenges in her life was the flood of 1964. Both the dairy and the lower level of their home were submerged, and they lost several animals and a prized bull. Camille recalled a man in a "frog suit" coming to the window in a boat to rescue the children, all under five. While the children stayed with local family and friends, Camille undertook the daunting task of cleaning up, aided by local nuns who purchased baby formula and donated funds to make repairs.

The farm is now continued in Ferndale, Calif., under the name Regli Jerseys, operated by their son, Jim, who was named the 2024 Master Breeder by the California State Jersey Cattle Association.

Camille discovered her passion for painting in 1975 while taking classes at College of the Redwoods. Her oil paintings, particularly showcasing the scenic beauty of the Ferndale Valley, won numerous awards and can be found in many homes throughout Humboldt County. She co-founded the Ferndale Arts Cooperative in 1990 and managed the fine arts building at the Humboldt County Fair for many years.

She was a 4-H leader and chaperone

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for ski club trips well into her 70s. She was active with Ferndale Band Boosters, involved with the Philanthropic Educational Organization and a docent at the Ferndale Museum.

Camille cherished family gatherings and time with friends, including her beloved card groups. She cheered on grandchildren at sporting events, FFA competitions and 4-H activities. Above all, she was an active member of Assumption Church. From daily mass to praying the rosary, her devout faith inspired friends, children and grandchildren.

In addition to her son, Jim, and his wife, Susan, she is survived by four other children, Michael (Sally) Regli, Rebecca (John) Leveille, Bernadette (John) Church, and Dennis (Denise) Regli; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister, Mary Caswell; brother, Andy (Joanne) Kopriva; brother-in-law, Phil (Harlean) Regli; sister-in-law, Pat Cahill; brother-in-law, John (Sally) Regli; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe; a brother, Jim Kopriva; a sister, Karel Perras; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Eileen and Wes Simpson; brothers-in-law, Dick Cahill, Vance Caswell and Jimmy Regli; and in-laws, Antone and Elizabeth Regli.

Memorials may be made to Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa, P.O. Box 1297, Santa Rosa, CA 95402, for the support of the special project, 1st Daughter House in Ferndale, Calif.; Assumption Catholic Church, P.O. Box 1097, Ferndale, CA 95536; Alpha-1 Foundation, 3300 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Coral Gables, FL 33134; or St. Vincent de Paul, Redwoods Council, 35 West 3rd St., Eureka, CA 95501.