

In Memoriam

Clifford Ray Buchanan

Clifford Ray Buchanan, Decatur, Texas, 72, passed away on December 21, 2022, in Decatur.

He was born on February 5, 1950, to the late Bob and Roberta Buchanan in Decatur, where he lived most of his life. He grew up on the family dairy farm and graduated from Decatur High School in 1968. He continued his education at Tarleton State University and married Cheryl Lorraine Norris in Arlington, Texas, in 1979.

Clifford developed a love of the farm life at an early age, a passion that he carried his entire life. He and Cheryl established Diamond B Cattle Company, a mixed herd of Jerseys and Holsteins, in 1980. Among his greatest joys was showing cattle, a feat he first pursued at the age of nine and continued for six decades. A show ring standout was the 1989 National Jersey Jug Futurity Winner, VSB Sissy.

Diamond B Jerseys was dispersed in April 2006 and featured on the cover of the Jersey Journal three months later.

Clifford was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association. He also mentored many young people over the years, teaching them how to raise dairy cattle and present them in the show ring.

He is survived by a daughter, Amy Buchanan of College Station; a son, Clif (Jana) Buchanan of Navasota; a brother, Calvin (Virginia) Buchanan of Virginia; a sister, Marsha (David) Buchanan-Purdie of Decatur; two grandchildren; a very special friend and companion, Brenda Dyson; and two stepdaughters, Cheri (Derrick) Boyd and their children and Lisa (Jesse) Neaves and their children.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Cheryl, in 2019, and a son, Justin.

Paul Douglas Hatcher

Paul Douglas "Doug" Hatcher, Columbia, Ky., 62, passed away on January 2, 2023, at his residence with his family by his side.

He was born in Columbia on January 19, 1960, to the late James and Hilda Bruton Hatcher.

Paul raised Registered Jerseys with his family in Columbia. He was of the Christian faith, enjoyed riding his mule, trading beef cattle, and spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Wheeler Hatcher of Columbia, two children, Eric (Jessica) Hatcher and Kandace (Alan) Hatcher Webster, both of Columbia, six grandchildren; five siblings, Linda (David) Bragg of Bowling Green, Ky.,

Mike (Wanda) Hatcher, Gary (Terri Lynn) Hatcher, and Carl (Jamie) Bailey, all of Columbia, and Keith (Ann) Hatcher of Russell Springs, Ky.; and several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

John Thomas McReynolds, Sr.

John Thomas McReynolds, Sr., Starkville, Miss., 86, passed away on January 10, 2023, at his home.

He was born on June 5, 1936, to the late James Marion McReynolds, Sr., and Mary Pauline Swan McReynolds. He was a lifelong resident of Oktibbeha County. Across his life, he was known as Johnny Mac, John Thomas, and Papa Johnny, to those who knew him best.

John graduated from Starkville High School in 1954. He attended Mississippi State University, earning an undergraduate degree in general agriculture in 1958 and a master's degree in ag economics in 1965. While in college, he was a member of the Air Force drill team for ROTC, the Block and Bridle Club, Sigma Chi fraternity and the freshman basketball team. After a short courtship, he married Kay Montgomery on July 2, 1966.

He worked several years for the Farmers Home Administration, Federal Land Bank, and Farm Bureau, and then worked full-time at his dairy in the Sessums community. He enjoyed showing Jersey and Holstein cattle. When he retired from milking cows in 2016, he was the county's last independent dairy farm to exist.

John was president of the Mississippi Jersey Cattle Association and the Mississippi Holstein Association. He was a member of the Mississippi State Dairy Advisory Council, Mississippi Farm Bureau, the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, and the Mississippi Army National Guard. He was a member of the advisory council for Oktibbeha County 4-H and belonged to the Oktibbeha County Ag Club.

He was also a member of First Presbyterian Church of Starkville, where he served several terms as a deacon and elder and was treasurer and chair of the board of deacons too.

In addition to his wife of 56 years, Kay, he is survived by two sons, Dr. Tom (Lynda) McReynolds and Dr. Russ (Sonjia) McReynolds, both of Starkville; six grandchildren; a brother, Charles (Betty) McReynolds of Franklin, Tenn.; a sister-in-law, Gwen McReynolds; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Sara Felicia McReynolds, a brother, James Marion McReynolds, Jr., brother and sister-in-law, Sam and Frances McReynolds; and a niece.

Memorials are suggested to the Starkville

Academy All-In Campaign, Starkville Academy, 505 Academy Rd., Starkville, MS 39759, or First Presbyterian Church, 307 University Dr., Starkville, MS 39759.

Michael Roger Kennedy

Michael "Mike" Roger Kennedy, Garnett, Kan., 63, passed away on January 16, 2023, at home.

He was born on June 3, 1959, in Chanutte, Kan., the first of two children born to the late Howard Kennedy and Maurine (Ashcraft) Kennedy. He graduated from Erie High School.

Mike worked on the family dairy farm and for Anderson County Sales Company, Chanute Regional Stockyards, Alert Construction, and Beachner Construction.

He joined Ratliff Jerseys, owned by his sister and brother-in-law, Christy and Ron Ratliff, in Garnett in 1992. There, he fed cattle, milked cows, and helped A.I. cattle. He also helped to manage and care for the beef herd, which was used as recipients for elite Jersey embryos. Among his favorite farm activities was baling hay in the summer.

Mike enjoyed the show circuit and was an integral part of the success of Ratliff Jerseys, which won premier breeder and premier exhibitor banners at the All American Jersey Show and the Central National Jersey Show and was named AJCA Master Breeder in 2018. Among his many responsibilities were transport and show ring prep. He played a major role in Ratliff Price Alicia, Excellent-95%, earning three National Grand Champion titles and bred and owned Ratliff D Dean Allie-ET, Excellent-96%, Reserve Winner of the 2006 National Jersey Jug Futurity.

In his free time, Mike traveled to Kansas City to cheer for the Chiefs and watch car races. He also fishing and deer hunting and watching Western movies. He often traveled country roads looking for deer, checking cattle and watching the Brahma cow herd.

Mike had several nicknames, including Red and Crow. Christy called him her bird dog in the last two years of life because he would often find things while driving about and alerting her to things that needed attention.

In addition to his sister and brother-in-law, he is survived by a son, Bryan Michael Kennedy of California.

Memorials are suggested to the Mike Kennedy Memorial Fund (to sponsor junior classes at state and national Jersey shows). They may be left in care of Feuerborn Family Funeral Service, 219 S. Oak St., Garnett, KS 66032 (<https://www.feuerbornfuneral.com/>).

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Gerald Richard Moose

Gerald Richard Moose, Mercer, Pa., 74, passed away on January 18, 2023.

He was born on May 8, 1948, in New Castle, Pa., to the late G. Richard Moose and Catherine R. (Cox) Moose. He graduated from Mercer Junior-Senior High School in 1966 and received an associates degree in agriculture business from Pennsylvania State University in 1969.

Gerald was a farm boy at heart and loved Jersey cows. He was involved with 4-H as a youth and later operated Over-Nite Jerseys with his family. He was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association and regularly attended annual meetings of the national Jersey organizations with his family.

He was involved with other farm organizations as well, including the Pennsylvania Farmers Association, Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association, and Mercer County Extension.

Also dear to his heart was his church, Trinity Presbyterian Church of Mercer, where he served as an elder and deacon. He also volunteered for local mission projects and participated in mission trips.

He was a passionate fan for his alma mater and the Pittsburgh Steelers and a Civil War and World War II buff.

Gerald is survived by his wife of 50 years, Deborah (Shaffer) Moose; two sons, Jerry (Amy) Moose Jr. of Greenville and Michael (Sharon) Moose of Mercer; seven grandchildren; a brother, John (Juli) Moose of Lancaster; and two nieces and their families.

Contributions in Gerald's memory may be made to the Mercer County 4-H Park or Trinity Presbyterian Church of Mercer.