

In Memoriam

William Henry Young

William Henry "Bill" Young, Xenia, Ohio, 83, passed away on November 19, 2022, in the presence of his beloved family.

He was born on May 26, 1939, in Xenia, son of the late Charles Hap and Mildred (Mitchell) Young. He grew up on a farm that has been in his family since 1869. He graduated from Greenon High School and The Ohio State University with a degree in agriculture. While in college, he was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

Bill was a lifelong farmer who operated Young's Jersey Dairy Inc. with his family. He helped to grow the business from a simple family farm to one of the state's most popular tourist destinations. The Youngs first sold milk direct to the public in 1958 and then built their first dairy store two years later. They added their first activity, an 18-hole miniature golf course named Udders & Putters, in 1993 and a full-service restaurant, The Golden Jersey Inn, in 1998. They began making their own cheese in July 2009. The most recent addition was a 22,000-square foot facility that replaced the original structure. Today, the dairy is visited by about 1.2 million customers each year.

He was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association and Ohio Farm Bureau. He also belonged to Knob Prairie United Church of Christ and Yellow Springs Masonic Lodge. He and his wife, Rita, were active in the Eastern Star, where they served as the Worthy Matron and Patron of the Antioch/Aldora Chapter in 1978.

Bill was a lifelong member of the Hustead Fire Department, where he served as fire chief from 1972 until he retired in 2015. He took great pride in serving in serving the community and watching the department grow and prosper over the years.

He was inducted into the Greenon Hall of Fame in 2008.

Bill is survived by his wife of 59 years, Rita K. (Arthur) Young; two sons, Stuart (Jill) and Jay (Sarah); a daughter Kelly (Darin) Green; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Carl and Robert Young.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hustead Fire Department or the Greenon FFA Alumni Scholarship Fund.

George Little

George R. Little, McClure, Ohio, 89, passed away peacefully on November 26, 2022, at Briar Hill Health Campus in North

Baltimore, Ohio.

He was born on March 1, 1933, in Dresden, Ohio, to the late John and Mabel (Beal) Little. He graduated from Jefferson High School and attended The Ohio State University. He married Patricia Dowell in Liberty, Ind., in December 1952.

George operated a Little Jersey Farm with his family for more than 50 years and was also a manager of a poultry farm for 20 years.

He was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association and the Ohio Jersey Breeders Association, which presented him with the Pioneer Award. He was also inducted into the Henry County Agriculture Hall of Fame. George chaired dairy testing for the Ohio Agriculture Services and served on the board of NOBA.

George was an active and faithful member of the McClure United Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife of 69 years, Patricia, he is survived by a son, George W. "Bill" (Lori) Little; three daughters, Barbara (Mike) Mercer, Carol (Tom) Gessner, and Elizabeth (Rodney) Miller, eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Richard and Robert Little.

He was preceded in death by a son, John Little.

Memorial suggestions are suggested to McClure United Methodist Church or Henry County 4-H Endowment Fund.

Everett Howard McReynolds

Everett Howard McReynolds, North Danville, Vt., 83, entered his eternal home with his Lord and Savior peacefully on December 1, 2022, surrounded by his loving family at Lucky Hill Farm.

He was born on September 20, 1939, in St. Johnsbury, Vt., the second child born to the late Earl and Evelyn McReynolds. Known to many as "Buck," he was a lifelong farmer. He lived his life without frills and fanfare and had a relentless work ethic that was the antidote to everything. He graduated from the St. Johnsbury Trade School in 1958.

Buck first laid eyes on his future bride, Martha, when she and her nursing school roommate were visiting his sister, Earlene. The young ladies entered the barn and Martha (being a farmer's daughter herself) immediately started lugging heavy milk pails. Buck's father told him, "You better marry that girl." He did just that on May 18, 1963, at the United Church of Canada in Lennoxville, Que.

Buck was the third-generation dairy farmer to run the operation "on the hill" in North Danville and his heart was full seeing the fifth generation being raised on the farm. He always knew that his calling

was to be a dairy farmer. There was no other place he wanted to be than atop his John Deere tractor, planting seeds, cultivating and surveying the land, harvesting the bounty, and caring for his herd of Jersey girls, all while giving thanks to God for allowing him to do so.

Since 1991, Lucky Hill Farm has been operated as a partnership between Everett and Martha and their son and daughter-in-law, Henry and Jennifer. The 180-cow Registered Jersey herd is enrolled on REAP and ranks among the top herds in the nation for genetic merit and production.

Buck was also a distributor for Nutrite and Schaeffer's Oil for 35 years. He treasured the personal relationships with his Vermont and New Hampshire customers, which were fellow farmers, town road crews, and industrial equipment operators. It wasn't uncommon to find a traffic jam on the rural back road of the farm, as Buck chatted with neighbors and fellow farmers driving by to catch up on news and swap jokes.

He was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association and the Mount Sinai Shriners, served in the Vermont National Guard and is a past master of the Masonic Lodge in Danville. Though there is no such thing as "retirement" for a dairy farmer, he was able to hone his talent for woodworking in his shop known as the "Pouting Parlor," where he created unique and special clocks, bowls, furniture, boxes, and toys he gave to grandchildren, neighbors, nurses, and doctors. He also enjoyed tending bees and jarring up his Lucky Hill honey, which he proudly gave away.

Buck always made someone's day a little sweeter with his selfless ways, kind heart and perfectly timed jokes.

In addition to his wife of 59 years, Martha, son and daughter-in-law, Henry and Jennifer, and sister, Earlene (James) Hayes, Buck is survived by a brother, Russell (Sandy) McReynolds; three other children, Cheryl (Bill) Verge and Mary (Jeff) Davis, both of North Danville, and Suzanne (Mark) Hall of Dunbarton, N.H.; eight grandchildren; three great-granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews whom he treated like his own children, giving them childhood nicknames and having them come to the barn to do chores or unload hay wagons.