

## In Memoriam

### David William “Bill” Chapman

David William “Bill” Chapman, Taylorsville, N.C., 77, passed away on May 21, 2022.

He was born in Emmetsburg, Iowa, on September 13, 1944, son of the late David Chapman, Jr., and Wilma Jones Chapman. He and his family lived in Iowa until 1953, when they moved back to North Carolina. Chapman served his country in the Army and upon discharge established Chapman Jersey Farm with the purchase of 17 head from a retiring Jersey breeder in 1967. The land on which he and his wife, Glenda, and their sons, Gary and Daniel, and their families farm was purchased by his great-grandfather in the late 1900s.

Bill spent his entire life building and managing Chapman Jersey Farm. He was proud the farm was and continues to be a place of learning and safety, not only for his family, but for the many young men and women who chose to work there too.

The Chapmans were early users of the Genetic Recovery program in the late 1980s and used young bulls available through the Dixieland Jersey Sires. They have sold cattle in consignment sales across the country and marketed privately to breeders in Venezuela and Puerto Rico. Chapman Jersey Farm is a longtime supporter of the North Carolina Pot of Gold program and hosted several field days run by the North Carolina Jersey Breeders Association (NCJBA). The 70-cow herd is enrolled on REAP.

Chapman was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association and the NCJBA. He was president of the Carolina Jersey Milk Producers Association Inc. and sat on boards of Farm Bureau and the Alexander County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Bill often referred to himself as “the richest man in the world,” not because of earthly possessions, but because of his relationship with Jesus Christ, whom he accepted as Savior in March 1962. He served Three Forks Baptist Church as deacon and church leader for five decades and was thankful his family attended church together.

Next to his salvation, Bill’s family was his pride and joy. He impacted the lives of many with his wisdom and common-sense approach to living and learning and was known for his ability to endure and survive hardships of any kind.

In addition to his wife of almost 55 years, Glenda Chapman, and sons Gary (Sonya) Chapman and Daniel (Amy) Chapman of Taylorsville, he is survived by

a daughter, Laura (Scott) Sprinkle, also of Taylorsville; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four sisters, Sina Brown and JoEtta (Danny) Galliher of Statesville, Betty (Gray) Petree of Winston-Salem, and Sue (Redge) Mays of Taylorsville; many other family members; and a host of nieces, nephews and close friends.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Patricia Jordan and Cindy Eurey.

Memorials may be made to Three Forks Baptist Church, 4685 Three Forks Church Rd., Taylorsville, NC 28681, or to Samaritan’s Purse.

### Donald L. Hershey

Donald L. Hershey, Wooster, Ohio, 84, passed away on June 12, 2022, at the Cleveland Clinic

He was born on June 20, 1937, in Elyria, Ohio, to the late Carl and Helen Butdorf Hershey. He graduated in 1955 from Northwestern High School, where he was a star athlete on the school’s basketball and baseball teams. He married Becky Firestone on April 24, 1960.

The couple operated Firestone Homestead Jerseys with their family. They enjoyed exhibiting cattle at local and state shows. The herd today is operated by their son, Ted, and his wife, Anita, and their family.

For more than 50 years, Donald also operated a barbershop, where he earned a reputation as Wooster’s best barber, and sold cars. He continued his athletic endeavors post high school as a pitcher in fast pitch softball games across Ohio. He was an avid golfer and founding member of the Mohican Hill Golf Course. He was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church.

In addition to his wife, son and daughter-in-law, he is survived by two other children, Dave (Lori) Hershey and Cathy Ballinger, all of Wooster; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and a soon-to-be great-grandchild; a brother, Roger (Marty) Hershey of West Salem; and many nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Jeff Ballinger.

Memorials may be made to Ohio’s Hospice LifeCare, 1900 Akron Rd., Wooster, OH 44691; Whits End, P.O. Box 133, Wooster, OH 44691; or St. Peter Lutheran Church, 9451 Ashland Rd., Wooster, OH 44691.

### George M. Barlass

George M. Barlass, Janesville, Wis., 90, passed away on June 15, 2022, at his home.

He was born on August 18, 1931, in Janesville to the late Alfred G. and Meta (Greinert) Barlass. He graduated from

Janesville High School in 1949 and from the University of Wisconsin Farm Short Course in 1950. He was active in dairy youth programs and earned his Wisconsin and American Farmer degrees from FFA.

George was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1952 and received a combat infantry badge in the Korean War as a sergeant with the 40th Division. He was honorably discharged in January 1954 and married his 4-H sweetheart, Shirley Elphick, in Whitewater, Wis., two months later.

The couple returned to his home dairy, Gil-Bar Jersey Farm. He farmed with his father and brother until 1969, eventually becoming sole proprietor. Today his son, Gordon, and two of his 10 grandchildren, Kyle and Ryan, continue to breed Registered Jerseys.

Among George’s favorite pastimes was Jersey shows, as exhibitor, judge and cheerleader for children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Over the years, the Barlasses exhibited many champions and won Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor banners, including the Central National Jersey Show. They exhibited 19 All Americans and 29 Reserve All Americans, a Reserve National Grand Champion, a National Junior Champion, and several winners of the National Jersey Jug Futurity. They also bred a Supreme Champion of World Dairy Expo, Gil-Bar Unique Bonnie, shown by the partnership of Pinehurst, Nabholz, Fisher, Elginvue and Shamsie of West Union, Iowa, in 1986.

Cattle from the Barlass herd have also won lifetime production contests at the state level and been sold domestically and internationally. The Barlasses have consigned high sellers to elite sales, including the National Heifer Sale, the Folck Classic, the Mid-States Fashion Revue, and the Wisconsin State Jersey Sale, which George chaired for many years.

Barlass judged prominent dairy cattle shows in the U.S., Canada and eight other foreign countries for 48 consecutive years. He coached Rock County 4-H dairy judging teams that were competitive at local, state, and national levels over 25 years.

He served the American Jersey Cattle Club as a director from 1965 to 1971 and was a member of the All American Show Committee. He and Shirley received the organization’s Distinguished Service Award in 2015. He was presented with the Max Gordon Recognition Award in 2011.

George is a former director of Wisconsin Parish 2 Jersey Breeders and past president and director of the Wisconsin Jersey Breeders Association, which presented him with its distinguished service award and senior breeder award.

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He was a council member of the World Jersey Cattle Bureau and active with the National Dairy Shrine and the Wisconsin Purebred Dairy Cattle Association. He is a former president of the Wisconsin Master Farmers.

Barlass served on the junior dairy committee of the Wisconsin State Fair for 45 years. For several years, an award was given in his name to the top show person in the colored breeds junior show at the fair. In 2017, he was inducted in the inaugural class of the Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Hall of Fame.

He received the Klussendorf Trophy in 1972 and was initiated into the Rock County Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2014. He also was recognized for outstanding service to Wisconsin agriculture by the Wisconsin Farm and Industry Short Course.

George was a lifetime member of Rock Prairie United Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder and volunteered in various ministries. He rooted for the University of Wisconsin Badgers sports teams and the Green Bay Packers. He was an avid bowler and enjoyed playing cards and games with family and friends. He will be remembered for his sense of humor and love of farming.

In addition to his wife of 68 years, Shirley, son and daughter-in-law, Gordon and Michelle, and grandsons, Kyle and Ryan, he is survived by another son, Scott (Janeen) Barlass; a daughter Nancy (Tom) Arndt; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Elinor Elphick; brother-in-law, Ralph Grandt; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by daughter, Diane; son, Randall; in-laws, Merrill and Elizabeth Elphick; brother and sister-in-law, Marvin and Alice; sister and brother-in-law, Bernita and Darrell Reeder; brothers-in-law, Stanley and James Elphick; and sisters-in-law, Carol Grandt and Margaret Copus.

Memorials may be made to Agrace Hospice, Rock Prairie United Presbyterian Church, or Wisconsin Parish 2 Jersey Breeders.