

In Memoriam

Larry Gene Musselman

Larry Gene Musselman, Danvers, Ill., 80, passed away on April 24, 2023, at Carle BroMenn Medical Center in Normal, Ill.

He was born on March 3, 1943, in Peoria, Ill., son of the late Henry and Marceille Baier Musselman. He and his family moved to rural Danvers in 1950 when his parent purchased their farm. He married Sarah Birckelbaw on December 21, 1962, in Bloomington, Ill.

Larry was a lifelong farmer and truck driver who lived on the family Musselman farm for more than 70 years. He raised Registered Jerseys and enjoyed cattle shows and riding horses. He was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association.

He was a devoted father and grandfather and never met a stranger. He was always willing to help his family or someone in need and eager to give advice to anyone who would listen.

In addition to his wife of 60 years, Sarah, he is survived by two children, Leanne (David) Fogle and Steven (Alice) Musselman; five grandchildren; and two sisters, Judy Hartley and Kathy (Buzz) Kaufman.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Alan Musselman.

Memorials may be made to The Stable Life Therapeutic Farm, c/o Meg McConville, 26043 2500 East St., Ohio, IL 61349.

Ralph "Bud" Booth

Ralph "Bud" Booth, Wolfeboro, N.H., 91, passed away peacefully on June 14, 2023, surrounded by his wife, Betsy, and their family.

Bud was born in 1931 and graduated from the University of New Hampshire (UNH) with a degree in agricultural engineering in 1954. He established Green Dream Farm in Lee, N.H., in 1956 on land that was once owned by Governor William Hale. Though Bud initially milked Holsteins, he purchased his first Jersey cow in 1960 at a local auction, which he attended primarily to purchase a tractor. Two years later, he transitioned the 60-cow Holstein herd to Jerseys, largely through the purchase of the Normsland herd of Turner, Maine.

He grew the herd to 200 milking cows and developed a milking string that ranked among the best in the nation for milk and fat production multiple times. Bud also focused on

developing genetic merit. He was an early advocate for young sires and co-founded Yankee Syndicate with Highlawn Farm, Lenox, Mass., Briarcliff Farm, West Baldwin, Maine, and Fairweather Farm, New Lebanon, N.Y. Green Dream Farm sent several bulls to A.I., including UNH Diamond Omar, purchased from UNH as a calf and then sold to ABS Global, Green Dream Valedictorian, who was syndicated in the 1973 All American Jersey Sale.

Bud was a strong supporter of the Equity program, devoting several of his contract ads in the *Jersey Journal* to promote the program. In 1977, he began shipping milk to Turner's Dairy in Salem, N.H., which paid on a protein basis and played a pivotal role in New Hampshire reaching its quota for the "800 in 80" campaign.

In 1973, he was appointed Director for District 1 of the American Jersey Cattle Association to replace Dr. J.J. Maltani, who resigned from the board when he moved to Newberry, S.C. Bud was elected as Director for another two terms beginning in 1973.

Bud was named New Hampshire Dairyman of the Year in 1980.

The milking herd was sold privately in 1986. Heifers were sold over the next 12 months. The farm was sold to the UNH as the site for its new dairy facility. Long-time farm manager, Roger Comeau, stayed on along with Bud, who continued to custom farm in the area. From the earliest days of the farm, Bud went out of his way to provide opportunities for students to establish themselves in the New Hampshire farming community and exchange ideas with faculty at UNH. Among those who got their start at Green Dream Farm was Larry Kempton. Even today, Bud's impact is felt in the state's close-knit agricultural community.

Bud and Betsy retired to Wolfeboro, where they were welcomed and embraced. Here, Bud co-founded the Lakes Region Curling Club with some of his closest friends.

While not in the fields or on the water, he loved to spend time at his small cabin on Indian Stream Road in Pittsborough, N.H. Named "Whiskey Jack" after the bird, not the alcohol, it was the site of many good times with family and friends.

Bud was an only child but went on to have five children of his own and took great delight in teaching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren to fish, mess around in boats, and love life in general.

In addition to his wife, Betsy, he is survived by five children, a beloved nephew who was another son to him, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Bud was a private person and did not want a funeral or memorial service. The family will receive visits from close friends and family at their home in Wolfeboro on the Fourth of July, one of Bud's favorite holidays.

In lieu of flowers, please hug your loved ones and tell them you love them.