

In Memoriam

Sandi S. Snodgrass

Sandi S. Snodgrass, Morristown, Tenn., 73, passed away on February 12, 2024, a day shy of her 74th birthday.

She was born on February 13, 1950, and was a devoted Kindergarten teacher for 30 years. Her husband, Gary, was also a schoolteacher.

Sandi was a fourth-generation Jersey breeder who continued the act by raising Registered Jerseys with Gary and their daughters, Angela and Julia, in Morristown. The Snodgrasses were active with agriculture organizations too. Sandi served on the dairy committee of the Hamblen County Great Smoky Mountains 4-H and FFA Fair. Angela placed fourth in the National Jersey Youth Achievement Contest in 1995 and Julia topped it in 2000.

The family's 70-acre farm was used primarily for grazing a herd of about 60 milking cows. When they established their herd in 1986, the Snodgrasses were given the pick of the calf barn at Mayfield Farms in Athens, where her grandfather, Paul Sparrow, recipient of the 1975 AJCC Distinguished Service Award, worked. She chose Mayfield Volunteer M Loo. She was appraised Excellent-92%, named All-Tennessee from 1987-1990 and Reserve Junior All American Aged Cow in 1991.

Sandi was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association and First Methodist Church of White Pine.

In addition to her husband, Gary, and daughters Angela Snodgrass and Julia (Dan) Logan, she is survived by four grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Sheri and Kim Lockett; and a sister-in-law, Judy Schmollinger.

Memorial donations may be made to Heifers International at www.heifer.org or First Methodist Church White Pine, Women's Group, P.O. Box 146, White Pine, TN 37890.

James William Rowzee

James William Rowzee, Newton, Miss., 87, passed away on May 29, 2024.

He was born on January 17, 1937, in Newton to the late Reuben and Lillie Rowzee. He graduated from Newton High School and then from Mississippi State University. He served in the National Guard. After his military service, he returned to the family farm, where he lived the rest of his life.

James and his wife, Oneva, and their family operated Rowzee Jersey Farm from 1935 until 2011, when the herd

was dispersed by Jersey Marketing Service. Rowzee Jersey Farm was known for its high-producing, deep-pedigreed animals. Rowzee consigned a high seller of the Pot O'Gold Sale and sent several bulls to A.I. At the dispersal, five cows were sold carrying A.I. contracts.

Rowzee was a Director of the American Jersey Cattle Club from 1988-1994 and served the organization as vice president as well. He sat on the board of National All-Jersey Inc. from 1977-1986 and on the board of the American Dairy Association of Mississippi from 1964-1975.

He was named Mississippi Dairy Farmer of the Year in 1987.

Rowzee served on the board of the Newton County Gin Association for 24 years, 18 as president. He was a lifelong member of Bethel Baptist Church, where he was a deacon and treasurer.

In addition to his wife of 64 years, Oneva, he is survived by daughter, Linda (Phil) Smith, son Robert (Vonda) Rowzee, and daughter Nelda (Paul) Johnson; a sister, Carol Greenlee; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, June (James) Addy, and a brother-in-law, Max Greenlee.

Memorials may be made to Bethel Baptist Church. Mail to Linda Thomas, 1635 Newton Calhoun Rd., Newton, MS 39345.