

In Memoriam

Richard Edward Caverly

Richard Edward Caverly, Benton, Maine, 56, passed away unexpectedly at home on February 23, 2024.

He was born February 19, 1968, the son of Edgar Charles "E.C." Caverly and Charlee (Ballard) Curtis. He graduated from Lawrence High School in 1986 and got straight to work in the dairy industry, first working at the family farm in Clinton.

His lifelong passion for cows began at home. He was an active 4-H member and helped the family exhibit award-winning Ayrshires at local fairs and regional cattle shows. He often credited his farm and cattle knowledge to his father and uncles, Frank and Pudge. The Ayrshire herd started as a 4-H project and eventually included several All-American and All-Canadian cattle, including the 1978 champion at World Dairy Expo, Helga.

Richard then went on to work for farms in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Brazil. In 2001, he became the first herdsman for Arethusa Farm of Litchfield, Conn., where he cared for the world-famous Huronia Centurion Veronica 20J.

He returned to Maine to work for Flood Brothers Dairy and ABS Global and then married Beverly Donovan of Chesterfield, Mass., in 2010. Together they expanded her herd, Deer Hill Ayrshires, at their home in Benton. They created many special memories working together and alongside friends and family at shows, which included the Eastern States Exposition, the North American International Livestock Exposition and World Dairy Expo. Among their successes was Expo's two-time Grand Champion Ayrshire, Sweet Pepper Black Francesca.

Caverly received the Klussendorf-MacKenzie Award at World Dairy Expo in 2013 and was the official for the Ayrshire class of Hoard's Dairyman's judging contest in 2017.

His experiences growing up helped to cultivate skills and a passion that led to a very successful career as a cattle fitter across three countries and two continents.

While Richard may have appeared rough at first sight, he was one of the most genuine, humble, generous, and honest people, even when he was telling it to you straight in his colorful way. He had a great sense of humor, an infectious laugh, and a special gift for

crafting his stories. His creative spirit shone brightly through his love for photography, gift for poetry and innovative approach to the spoken language. He served as a mentor to many young dairy farmers and his experience, guidance and passion will love on in the lives of those he touched.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by siblings, Sara (John) Thompson, Anita (Norman) Burdzel, Robert (Dominique) Caverly, Russell (Jordan) Caverly, and Leah (Erick) Lafferty; four nephews and a niece; uncles Frank (Susie) Caverly and Rick (Victoria) Ballard; six cousins; and many special friends who shared in his adventures.

He was predeceased by his father and stepmother, Donna Caverly, maternal grandparents, Richard and Lottie Ballard, paternal grandparents, Brainard Jr. and Evelyn Caverly, and a cousin.

Memorial may be made to the Richard Caverly Award Fund with the Ayrshire Breeders Association, 1224 Alton Darby Creek Rd., Columbus, OH 43228. Other donations in his name in support of the dairy industry are also welcomed.

Larry Dean Alexander

Larry Dean Alexander, Nashville, Ohio, 86, passed away unexpectedly due to complications from surgery on February 27, 2024, at St. John's Medical Center in Westlake, Ohio.

He was born at home near Nashville on June 19, 1937, to the late Harold Joseph and Rosetta "Dayle" (Puster) Alexander. He married the love of his life, Carolyn Grace Thomas, on April 8, 1961.

Larry was a lifelong farmer who owned and operated Hyland Acres Jerseys with his family. He was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association and the Ohio Jersey Breeders Association and served on several dairy and agriculture boards. Larry was a member of Nashville Church of Christ, where he served as an elder, and was a trustee for the Christian Children's Home of Ohio as well.

He impacted the lives of many and never met a stranger.

In addition to his wife of 62 years, Larry is survived by children, Tom (Kathy) Alexander of Grove City, Brenda (Bryan) Cooper of Delaware, and Julie Kandel of Nashville; 26 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Leland (Jana) Alexander of Prescott, Ariz., and Jim (Judy) Alexander of Nashville; and a sister, Pat

(Tim) Lanzer of Alliance.

He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Ron Kandel, and an infant grandson.

Memorials may be made to the Nashville Church of Christ, 13457 SR-39, Big Prairie, OH 44611.