

## In Memoriam

### John H. Greiwe

John H. Greiwe, Sidney, Ohio, 73, passed away on May 8, 2024, at Upper Valley Hospice in Troy, Ohio.

He was born in Sidney on June 1, 1950, to the late Donald Greiwe and Clara (Westerbeck) Greiwe. He graduated from New Bremen High School in 1968 and served in the U.S. Navy from May 1969 through December 1970.

From his commanding officer aboard the U.S.S. Procyon (AF-61), Greiwe earned a citation for "outstanding performance of duty" as a communications watch stander "in direct support of combat operations against the enemy" from January 18 to June 17, 1970. "Seaman Greiwe demonstrated dedication and abilities far exceeding the expectations of similar personnel of equal time in service and rate. Seaman Greiwe's cheerful, efficient and professional sense of duty contributed significantly and directly to the successful accomplishment of his ship's mission and the United States' effort in the Republic of Vietnam and Cambodia," wrote Navy Captain J.B. Allred.

After his service, he returned home and was employed with the Ohio Department of Transportation for 10 years.

He married Donna Sue Knoop on March 6, 1974. He was an Ayrshire boy and she was a Jersey girl, so their dream life together was to operate the farm they purchased in 1972 and breed registered cattle from both breeds. They operated Mill Valley Farms with their family and bred Registered Jerseys using the DKG prefix. John also farmed 2,000 acres and operated a 500-head finishing facility with his son, Jeromy, and his three boys. Four herd members were featured as the Jersey class for the 2022 *Hoard's Dairyman* judging contest. The herd was dispersed in September 2022.

The Greiwe family exhibited cattle at county, district, state and national shows. Their accomplishments over the years included breeding more than three dozen All American, Reserve All American, Junior All American or Reserve Junior All Americans. Mill Valley also won numerous banners for Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor.

Greiwe was a member of the Ohio Jersey Breeders Association (OJBA), the Ayrshire Breeders Association and the National Dairy Shrine. He is

a former president and dairy incentive coordinator of the Ohio Purebred Dairy Cattle Association, which he was proud to boast gave \$100 to every 4-H and FFA exhibitor who participated in the dairy show at the Ohio State Fair.

John and Donna were inducted into the Ohio State Fair Hall of Fame in 2015 and received the Pioneer Award from the OJBA in 2005. He was named a Kentucky Colonel by the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

He served as a Perry township trustee for 24 years and is a past master of the Stokes 305 Masonic Lodge. He was a member of the Sidney American Legion Post 217, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Honor Guard, the 32 Scottish Rite Valley of Dayton and the Shelby County Antioch Shrine Club. He was also a member of the Sidney First Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife of 53 years, Donna, and son, Jeromy, and his wife, Season, of Quincy, John is survived by a brother, James (Diane) Greiwe of Georgia, a sister, Ann (Dennis) Nelson of New Bremen; a daughter, Gretchen (Jason) Hageman of Sidney; six grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Stokes Lodge #305 of Port Jefferson and the Dairy Incentive program of the Ohio State Fair.