

In Memoriam

Thomas A. Colpetzer

Thomas A. "Tom" Colpetzer, Greenville, Pa., 72, passed away unexpectedly April 13, 2023, at his residence.

He was born in Bellefonte, Pa., on December 31, 1950, a son of the late Robert Raymond and Fannie Matilda (Woomer) Colpetzer. He graduated from Juniata Valley High School in 1968 and married Amy L. McDowell on May 15, 1993.

Tom was a lifelong Registered Jersey breeder. He was active with FFA in high school and began his career working for Rupert Jersey Farm in New Waterford, Ohio. He worked for the Ruperts for five years and then returned home to operate his own dairy, Xanadu Jersey Farm, until he retired.

He and his family regularly exhibited Jerseys at local, state, and national shows. Tom's proudest moment was showing Xanadu Brendon Kit Kat {3}-P, Excellent-95%, to Grand Champion laurels at the 2007 Mid-Atlantic Regional Jersey Show. Her granddaughter, Xanadu Champion Kandy Kiss {5}, Excellent-95%, was 2009 Supreme Champion of World Dairy Expo for Ben Sauder, Tremont, Ill., and cover girl for the November 2009 issue of *Jersey Journal*.

Tom also marketed and owned Registered Jerseys in partnership with several other breeders, including Ted DeMent of Kenney, Ill., as Glory Affiliates.

A member of the American Jersey Cattle Association, Tom will be remembered for his love of Jersey cows and sharing his sense of humor on Facebook. He enjoyed the companionship of his dog, Lindsey.

In addition to his wife of 29 years, Amy, he is survived by children, Wendy (Jason) McCullough of Bicknell, Ind., Angie (Caleb) Cooper of Slippery Rock, Sally Oakes of Jackson Center, and George T. Colpetzer of Greenville; siblings, Rebecca (Dennis) Hardy, Raymond Colpetzer, and George N. Colpetzer; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Samuel Colpetzer, in 2021 and a brother, Kenneth Colpetzer.