

In Memoriam

Jacob De Raadt

Jacob "Jake" De Raadt, Escondido, Calif., 62, passed away on September 19, 2024.

He was born on December 12, 1961, in Escondido, the first son of six children born to the late Arie and Gre De Raadt. He grew up on the family farm, Eden Vale Dairy, and developed an early love for cows, always at his dad's side on the dairy. He was passionate about cows of all colors and the more unusual, the better.

After his father passed away, Jake ran Eden Vale Dairy. He married Jacque Peterson in 1992 and raised four children. In 1999, the family moved to Lemoore, Calif., to establish a dairy farm. In 2017, Jake married Janie Sustaita and gained three additional children. He continued in the dairy business until 2021 when he sold the cows. He began working with Native Microbials the following year.

Jake was a longtime exhibitor at the Del Mar Fair, showing animals initially in his youth and then with Jacque and their kids and Janie later in life.

He was involved with several breed associations, including the American Jersey Cattle Association, the Holstein Association USA, the Red & White Dairy Cattle Association and the American Lineback Cattle Registry. He was also involved with the Dairy Herd Improvement Association at county, regional and state levels and Western United Dairymen. He mentored youth, helping them with their 4-H and FFA projects and belonged to the Tulare Union FFA Boosters Club.

Jake was active with booster clubs for the Tulare swim and water polo teams and the Cal Poly parent association. He was involved at Hanford Christian School and was an elder at Trinity United Reformed Church. He was a host father to youth from other countries, including Damelya Amanova Yaroslava Pohorielova.

He was a people person and loved to chat with any and everyone. He welcomed everyone to his home for a meal, to watch Jeopardy and to play games.

In addition to his wife, Janie, he is survived by children Katrina (Ryan) Waardenburg, Eileen (John) Martinho, Arie (Grace) De Raadt, Josh McCarter, Anissa Borges and Nico Andrade; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by brothers-in-law William Vander Woude,

Ron Bern and Greg Tucker and a son, Matthew Andrade.

Memorials may be made to Amazing Grace Ministries, 1030 N. Fresno St., Fresno, CA 93701.

Ray Ronald Schooley

Ray Ronald Schooley, Marshfield, Mo., 88, passed away on October 4, 2024.

He was born on August 16, 1936, in Stark, Kan., to the late Merle and Geneva (Neal) Schooley. He grew up on a small farm, graduated from Stark High School in 1954 and earned a master's degree in dairy cattle breeding from Kansas State University in 1960. In college, he belonged to FarmHouse Fraternity and served as a National Guardsman for six years. He married Margaret Nicholson in 1964.

Ray led a life dedicated to the dairy industry and community service. He began his illustrious career in 1961 as executive secretary of the American Milking Shorthorn Society. He joined the team at the American Jersey Cattle Club (AJCC) in 1967 as superintendent of records and became treasurer of the AJCC and National All-Jersey Inc. (NAJ) in 1969. While he was superintendent, the genetic abnormalities Limber Legs and Rectovaginal Constriction surfaced in the Jersey population. Drawing on his graduate work in genetics, he helped to redefine the abnormality policy, which provided a system to collect facts, investigate and declare abnormality carriers.

He left employment at the AJCC in 1976 and established Schooley Jerseys with Margaret and his sons, Stuart and John, initially in Kansas and then in Niangua, Mo. The family developed a herd recognized nationally for production and genetic merit. They worked with numerous Excellent, 100,000-pound milk cows and consigned regularly to the All American Jersey Sale, the Pot O'Gold Sale and the National Heifer Sale. Cattle were sold to 16 different states across the country. The Schooleys often hosted judging practices for 4-H, FFA and college teams and helped to establish a local 4-H dairy club.

In 1976, Ray and Margaret joined forces with Bud and Betsey Booth of New Hampshire as national co-chairs of the original Project Equity campaign. The Schooleys are Charter Investors in Equity and still contribute today.

Ray served two terms as an AJCC Director beginning in 1984 and was then elected to serve two consecutive

terms as president in 1992. While he was at the helm, the AJCC was re-incorporated as the American Jersey Cattle Association (AJCA) and the pilot program for REAP was initiated. Over the years, he served on each of the board committees and sat on the NAJ board. He was a member of the committee that established the Fred Stout Experience award.

Ray judged numerous local, state and regional shows and has been an associate for the open and junior All American Jersey Shows and the Western National Jersey Show.

He received the AJCA Distinguished Service Award in 2002 and the Distinguished Dairy Breeder Award from the Missouri Dairy Hall of Honors earlier in his career.

After the herd was sold in 1988, Ray and Margaret relocated to Marshfield, where he became a market reporter for the Missouri Department of Agriculture and a sales representative for ABS Global, Alta Genetics and Semex.

The Schooleys became inspectors of elections for the AJCA in 2004. In this capacity, they attended nearly every AJCA-NAJ annual meeting and interacted with countless Jersey breeders.

Ray was president of the National Dairy Shrine, treasurer of the FarmHouse Foundation Board of Trustees and a founding member of Central Equity Milk Cooperative.

He was active with the Marshfield United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Men, the University of Missouri Extension and the Webster County Fair. He volunteered for Meals on Wheels and enjoyed ringing the bell for the Salvation Army during Christmas.

He took great pride in his family, recently enjoying trips to New Mexico to watch his grandson, Warren, play football and win the state championship in 2023. Ray will be fondly remembered by friends and loved ones for his passion for dairy farming and community spirit. His work in dairy genetics and involvement in local organizations made a positive impact on many lives.

In addition to his wife, Margaret, sons, Stuart Schooley of Ranchvale, N.M., and John Schooley of Austin, Texas, and a grandson, he is survived by another son, K.C. Schooley of Ranchvale, N.M., and a sister, Rita Howard of Overland Park, Kan.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army Webster County Service Unit, in care of Fraker Funeral Home.

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Darrin Scott Jones

Darrin Scott Jones, Gilead, Ind., 59, passed away on October 4, 2024, following a farming accident on the farm he cherished.

He was born on August 1, 1965, to the late Darrell M. and Martha E. (Rutherford) Jones. He graduated from North Miami High School in 1983. He played basketball for his school and was a member of the team that won a sectional championship during his high school years.

Darrin dedicated his life to working on Moonlight Farm, where he continued the family tradition as a generational dairy farmer, specializing in milking Jersey cows — his ladies. He bravely pursued his dream of building his own business and enjoyed the opportunity to meet people while selling milk at farmers markets in South Bend and Fort Wayne.

He also ventured out of his comfort zone as a guest on a farming podcast.

Darrin's favorite band was KISS and, most recently, he cherished spending time with his close friend, Stephanie Justice.

He is survived by a son, Bobby Jones and partner Adrian Juarez, formerly of Wabash, Ind., and now of Phoenix, Ariz.; a brother Time Jones of Gilead, Ind.; Kristi (Barry) Vigar of Macy, Ind.; and a nephew and a niece.