

## In Memoriam

### Paul Leonard Stiles

Paul Leonard Stiles, Clear Brook, Va., 75, passed away on August 30, 2025, peacefully at home.

Born on July 20, 1950, he was one of six children born to the late Robert Yewell Stiles and Hazel Glover Stiles. He grew up surrounded by the love of his four brothers and one sister, a family bond that shaped the warmth and kindness he carried throughout his life.

Paul dedicated his life to farming. As a dairy farmer at Waverly Farm, he poured his heart into the land, the animals, and especially into showing cows. This was a passion that brought him joy and distinction throughout his life. Over the years, Waverly Farm earned 18 Premier Breeder and 15 Premier Exhibitor banners at the All American Jersey Show. The farm showed six National Grand Champions, nine Reserve National Grand Champions, and five National Jersey Jug Futurity Winners.

Waverly Farm also sent more than 100 bulls to A.I. and marketed genetics across the globe. Since 1967, Paul and his family have developed more than 1,500 Excellent cows and more than 225 with lifetime credits over 100,000 pounds milk. For their breeding excellence, the Stiles family was honored with the American Jersey Cattle Association's Master Breeder award in 1998 and National Dairy Shrine's Distinguished Cattle Breeder award in 1999.

Paul himself was honored in 2006 with the Klussendorf Award, the highest recognition given to a dairy cattle showman in the U.S. These distinctions reflected not only his skill, but also the deepest respect he held among his peers.

Those who knew Paul will remember not only his achievements but also his character. Though hard of hearing, he never missed the important things in life. And with his perfect eyesight, he had an uncanny ability to notice every detail, whether in the barn, the fields, or the lives of the people he loved.

Above all, Paul cherished his family and those closest to him.

He is survived by his beloved son, Todd (Jennifer) Stiles, and his treasured granddaughter, Alayna, who brought him endless joy. For the past 20 years, he shared a loving and devoted relationship with Sandy McCauley, whose comfort, joy and dedication enriched his life immeasurably.

He is also survived by his brother, Mike Stiles and his wife, Patricia, his

sister, Debra Callison, and her husband, Jimmy, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Paul was preceded in death by his brothers, Kenneth Stiles, Blair Stiles and Tracy Stiles.

Donations may be made to the Klussendorf Memorial Scholarship or the Global Lyme Alliance, causes that reflect both Paul's life in dairy farming and his personal journey.

### Caryl M. Tierney

Caryl M. Tierney, Malone, N.Y., 77, passed away on September 17, 2025, at CVPH Medical Center, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on Christmas Day 1947 in Lynn, Mass., she was the daughter of the late Charles and Dorothy (Fraher) Fleming. She attended the State University of New York-Plattsburgh and graduated summa cum laude with a master's degree in speech pathology.

Caryl married John "Jack" Tierney on August 25, 1967, at St. Anne's Church in Peabody, Mass.

She was employed as a speech language pathologist throughout Franklin County, working for the Northern Adirondack Central School, the Malone Central School District and the Salmon River Central School. She also worked on the Mohawk reservation and retired in 2021.

Caryl was also a dairy farmer for many years, working on the family farm.

She was a member of Farm Bureau and the American-Speech-Language-Hearing Association and served on the board of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System.

Caryl enjoyed gardening and baking and was an avid reader. She also loved spending time with her grandchildren. In addition to her husband of 58 years, Jack, she is survived by three daughters, Jennifer (Charles) Bosley of Malone, Amy Trudeau of Malone and Moira (Scott) Poitras of Brimfield, Mass.; six grandchildren; a brother, Charles "Lee" (Julie) Fleming of Massachusetts; a sister, Wendy Decareau of Massachusetts; a brother-in-law, Richard (Diane) Tierney of Massachusetts; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Suzanne Fleming, and a grandson.

Donations may be made to the New Beginnings Church for the diaper giveaway program, 277 West Main St., Malone, NY 12953.

### Benjamin Thomas Luther

Benjamin "Ben" Thomas Luther,

Mount Ulla, N.C., 81, passed away on September 23, 2025, at Iredell Memorial Hospital.

He was born on November 11, 1943, in Candler, N.C., the son of the late Thomas Crowell Luther and Ora Williams Luther.

Luther graduated from Enka High School, where he participated in football and track. He remained close with many of his classmates throughout his life and valued those friendships dearly. He attended Western Carolina University before working at American Enka Corporation.

In 1965, he and his late brother, Ted, established Lutheridge Jersey Farm. They grew the herd to 150 cows and 300 acres and then sold the milk cows in 1997 to raise replacement heifers. He and Ted sold heifers both domestically and internationally until 2013, when Ted passed away.

Ben was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association and received the Distinguished Service Award from the North Carolina Jersey Cattle Association in 1992.

He enjoyed traveling to national parks in the U.S. and Canada and to Alaska. He especially liked snowmobile trips to Jackson Hole, Wyo. He was passionate about camping, horseback riding and rodeo and enjoyed meeting friends for coffee and breakfast several times a week.

Ben and his wife, Margaret, shared many adventures. They spent many weekends with friends, camping and traveling to rodeos. They competed in team penning and barrel racing events. Ben was a member of the National Barrel Horse Association, where he competed in both the open and senior divisions and attended several world championships.

In addition to his wife of 33 years, Margaret Correll Luther, Ben is survived by his former wife and the mother of his children, Jean Sowers Barbee of Gastonia; a son, Galen (Frances) Luther of Statesville; a daughter, Shawn Luther (Cam) Carpenter of Belmont; a stepdaughter, Amy Nash of Cleveland; a sister-in-law, Dot Luther of Mount Ulla; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and brother, he was preceded in death by a sister, Thora Dell McDevitt, and a granddaughter.

Memorial contributions may be made to the North Carolina Dairy Youth

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