

In Memoriam

John McKitrick

John McKitrick, Long Boat Key, Fla., 85, passed away peacefully at his home on January 13, 2019.

He was born in Dublin, Ohio, on October 19, 1933, to John "Doc" Leslie McKitrick, D.V.M., and Pauline Stinson McKitrick. He and his three siblings grew up on a farm in Plain City, Ohio, where they loved farming and raising cattle with their parents. After serving his country in the Army, he graduated from The Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in agriculture.

McKitrick was an internationally known cattle judge, the only person to have judged all six national dairy breed shows in the U.S. He judged the open show at The All American Jersey Show in 1974 and 1980 and the junior show in 1973 and 1975.

He was one of the original owners of the early A.I. company Genetics Inc. and the first director of marketing and development for Select Sires Inc. He was also president of the McKitrick Real Estate Company.

He was a 32nd degree Master Mason and belonged to Shriners International, the Kiwanis Club of Dublin and the Dublin Chamber of Commerce. He was also a member of the Agonis Club and the President's Club at his alma mater.

Golf, a passion he shared with his loving wife of 33 years, Arlene, took them to many countries, where they participated with the International Seniors and the American Seniors organizations. Traveling, making new friends, the theatre and charity work made for an inseparable relationship.

He is also survived by two daughters, Mary M. (Rodney) Reames of Charlotte, N.C., and Mindy M. Roberts of Cornelius, N.C.; two sisters, Geneva (Owen) Rhodes and Pauline McKitrick; a brother, Jack McKitrick; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He will be remembered as being a kind, gentle man who strived to make the lives of others more fulfilled. In lieu of flowers, show an act of kindness to someone in his honor. At his request, there was no memorial service as John wanted to be remembered by the last time he shook your hand with a big smile and asked if you were having a good day.

Charles L. Hall, Jr.

Charles L. Hall, Jr., Salem, Va., 90, passed away on January 16, 2019.

He was born in Halifax County, Va., on December 18, 1928. He graduated from Halifax High School in 1946 and Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1950 with a bachelor's degree. A veteran of the Korean War, he served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army and was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was a fieldman for the American Jersey Cattle Club from 1953-1958, serving breeders in seven southeastern states.

Hall was an extension agent with the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service in Prince William and Fairfax Counties for more than 30 years, retiring from the service in 1986.

He was a member of the Locust Grove United Methodist Church, Salem, and an active volunteer at the Richfield Retirement Center's Chapel. He and his late wife, Wanda, conducted an active visitation program at the Richfield Nursing Center, where they distributed devotional materials to residents on a regular basis.

Hall is survived by two brothers, Thomas H. (Anita) Hall of Halifax, and James A. (Myrtle) Hall of Boise, Idaho; and a sister, Sarah Anne (Charles) Buckner of McMinnville, Tenn.

In addition to his wife of 51 years, Wanda Phipps Tomlinson, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Oakley H. Roberts of Halifax, Va., and Margaret H. Teller of Suring, Wis.

Memorials may be made to Locust Grove United Methodist Church, 34115 Locust Grove Lane, Salem, VA 24153, or Young's Chapel Baptist Church, 2847 Oak Hill Road, Mouth of Wilson, VA 24363.