In Memoriam

Cheryl Buchanan

Cheryl Buchanan, Decatur, Texas, 70, passed away on June 28, 2019, in Ruidoso, N.M.

She was born on January 4, 1949, in Marlin, Texas, daughter of the late T. D. and Billie (Reed) Horton. She married Clifford Buchanan on August 18, 1979, in Arlington, Texas.

For 26 years, the Buchanans owned and operated Diamond B dairy farm, a mixed herd of Jerseys and Holsteins. The family developed top-notch show genetics. Among the standouts was VSB Jeannette Unkefer, and a grandson, Tyler Unkefer, preceded in death by a stepmother, DiDonato of Alliance, Ohio. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Justin Andre on February 2, 1985, in Wauseon. Trish graduated from Purdue University with a degree in agronomy and was a certified crop advisor. She was a member of the Ohio Jersey Breeders Association and Farm Bureau and volunteered as a 4-H advisor.

She was a member of North Clinton Church and Gideon International Auxiliary and a bible quiz coach.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Perry and Kirby Andre of Bowling Green, Ohio, Kira and Steven Wetmore of Mount Ulla, N.C., and Ross Andre of Wauseon, Ohio; a grandchild; three sisters, Dr. Elaine (Rev. Sam) Romines of Bowling Green, Rosalind (Daniel) Richey of New Castle and Ramona (Greg) Hayne of Fairfield, Iowa; three brothers, Tom (Jan) Painter of Mooreland, Ind., Joe Painter of Springport, Ind., and David (Pam) Painter of Parker City, Ind.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to North Clinton Church, 831 W. Linfoot St., Wauseon, OH 43567.

Roland Higgins

Roland Higgins, Sunbury, Ohio, 80, passed away on July 31, 2019, at St. Ann’s Hospital.

He was born on November 27, 1938, in Sunbury to Arthur Jay and Catherine (Davis) Higgins. He graduated from Hartford High School in 1956 and immediately began farming with his father and maintaining Trenton Cemetery in Condit, Ohio.

Following the death of his father in 1964, Roland began to modernize the farm, improving facilities and increasing cow numbers and production. He served the industry as first vice president of the board for Milk Marketing Incorporated (now Dairy Farmers of America) and board secretary-treasurer of the Mid-East United Dairy Industry Association (now American Dairy Association Midwest) from 1983-1985. As well, he sat on the board of the National Milk Producers Federation.

After careers in dairy farming and merchandising for Velvet Ice Cream and Smith Dairy, Roland transitioned into real estate. He began this career in 1988 as an agent for Wendell C. Davidson Realty and completed it at Forman Realtors. He earned laurels in the Million Dollar Club in Delaware County, Ohio, many times as a representative for buyer and seller alike. In 2000, he was elected Realtor of the Year.

He served on the Delaware County Board of Realtors for 11 years, holding positions as president, vice president and committee chair. As well, he was a 20-year trustee for Trenton Township.

In his free time, he enjoyed mowing his yard with his John Deere tractor; attending horse races, visiting with friends at the Hartford Fair and supporting grandchildren and great-grandchildren at athletic and academic events.

He is survived by his wife, Terri Higgins; sons, Rodney (Kathy) Higgins of Destin, Fla., and Scott (Lisa) Higgins of Johnstown, Ohio; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and another on the way; two sisters, Juanita (Wendell) Davidson and Carolyn (Allen) Kenney; sister-in-law, Bonnie Higgins; several nieces and nephews; and Terri’s children, Marcy and Trent Hale, and their children. He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant sister, Eileen Higgins, two brothers, Richard and Roger Higgins, and sister and brother-in-law Naomi and Wayne Judy.

W. Glen Unkefer

W. Glen Unkefer, Columbiana, Ohio, 86, passed away on August 1, 2019, at his home.

He was born on August 30, 1932, in Paris, Ohio, son of the late Atlee and Hazel Greenwald Unkefer. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and married Jane Willis in 1955.

Unkefer operated UFashion Jerseys LLC with his family in Columbiana. The 250-cow Registered Jersey herd is enrolled on REAP and a contract advertiser with the Jersey Journal. The Unkefers owned and operated Unkefer Feed and Supply as well.

Unkefer was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association.

In addition to his wife, Jane, he is survived by two daughters, Debbie (Alden) Weichel of Bradenton, Fla., and Kathie (Gerald) Reid of Wooster; three sons, Owen (Tresa) Unkefer, Dale (Brenda) Unkefer and Lee Unkefer, all of Columbiana; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Vickie (Ken) Cardinal of Sebring, Ohio, and BeaMay Ringer of Florida; five brothers, Jay Unkefer of Florida, Ellwood (Jean) Unkefer and Robert Unkefer, both of Minerva, Ohio, Dennis (Cathy) DiDonato of North Carolina and William (Joanne) DiDonato of Alliance, Ohio.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a stepmother, Jeannette Unkefer, and a grandson, Tyler Unkefer.

Patricia “Trish” B. Andre

Patricia “Trish” (Painter) Andre, Wauseon, Ohio, 58, passed away August 2, 2019, in Grant Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

She was born February 10, 1961, in New Castle, Ind., to the late Keith and Jean (Hartman) Painter. She married Nathan L. Andre on February 2, 1985, in Wauseon. Trish graduated from Purdue University with a degree in agronomy and was a certified crop advisor. She was a member of the Ohio Jersey Breeders Association and Farm Bureau and volunteered as a 4-H advisor.

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