

In Memoriam

Jeffrey A. True

Jeffrey A. True, Perry, N.Y., 60, passed away on April 2, 2020, at Highland Hospital in Rochester after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in Brockport, N.Y., on November 27, 1959, son of Ruth E. (Mosholder) True of Perry and the late Blair L. True. He graduated from Churchville-Chili Central High School in 1977 and Alfred State College two years later. He was a foreign exchange student during high school and then hosted a student from Uzbekistan with his family years later.

Jeff was a lifelong dairy farmer. He and his family initially farmed in Spencerport and then purchased the former Todd Farm in Perry in 1979. The True family farms about 1,200 acres and milks a mixed-breed herd of 1,000 Holstein, Brown Swiss and Jersey cows.

The Jersey herd at True Farms ranks among the top 10 herds in the nation for milk, fat and protein production on an actual basis with a 2019 herd average of 22,621 lbs. milk, 1,218 lbs. fat and 791 lbs. protein on 12 cows. Herd average on an m.e. basis also ranks nationally for milk and fat. True Farms received a Platinum Award for milk quality from the National Mastitis Council in 2013. Much of the Jersey herd traces to a purchase Jeff made at a neighbor's dispersal more than 30 years ago.

Jeff and his family have worked with the Finger Lakes Developmental Disabilities Service Office to provide a learning center and place of employment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. True Farms has served as a model for other farms interested in the integrated employment movement as well. For several years, Jeff also worked with Cornell University on research projects to improve farming efficiency and advocated for immigration reform. He made several excursions to Mexico to visit families and learn more about Hispanic culture. Among his favorite events were the annual pumpkin walk and Memorial Day parade hosted by Perry Central School, where he drove the tractor for wagon rides.

He was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association and a director for both the state and national Brown Swiss associations. He is a past president of the Wyoming County Farm Bureau and served on the board of the Wyoming County Cooperative Extension Service. He was active with the Wyoming County Fair, where he chaired the 4-H dairy committee and dairy judging program and

provided leadership for both open and junior shows. He exhibited cattle at World Dairy Expo, lent a hand with running of the New York Spring Carousel and sat on the board of the annual Wyoming County Agri-Palooza.

Jeff was a deacon and 30-year member of the choir for First Congregational Church in Perry Center. He also enjoyed skiing, reading, socializing with friends, attending his children's school events and spending time with family.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Stacia (Emo) True, whom he married on October 11, 1997; daughter Taryn L. True, sons Tucker J. and Trenton J. True and adopted daughter Liana Iardi, all of the home; father-in-law James Emo of Canesteo; sisters Nancy (Philip) McGuire-Harnden of Spencerport and Ellen True of Livonia; brothers Brian (Diane) True of Perry, Glenn (Amy) True of North Carolina and Barry (Sharon) True of Warsaw; brother-in-law Ryan (Theresa) Emo of North Carolina; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Judy (Zielazinski) Emo.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Congregational Church, P.O. Box 156, Perry, NY 14530; Wyoming County Fair Association, P.O. Box 128, Castile, NY 14427 (directed to the barn fund); Wyoming County 4-H Program, 36 Center St., Suite B, Warsaw, NY 14569; National Brown Swiss Association, 800 Pleasant St., Beloit, WI 53511-5456; or New York Holstein Association, 840 Hanshaw Rd., Suite #5, Ithaca, NY 14850.

Alfred L. Call

Alfred L. Call, South Charleston, Ohio, 76, passed away unexpectedly on June 6, 2020.

He was born in Clark County, Ohio, on September 8, 1943, son of the late Alfred and Mary Call. He graduated from Southeastern High School and married Greta Geldwisch, now of Carroll, Ohio, in June 1974.

Alfred became a partner in the operation of Call-Del Farm at the age of 16. He was a member of the Ohio Jersey Breeders Association, the state and national Holstein associations, the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association and Farm Bureau. He was also active with the local 4-H dairy committee.

Alfred also was a lifetime member of the South Charleston United Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife of 45 years, Greta, he is survived by a daughter, Angi (J. R.) Kaverman, and a son, Brian (JayeLin) Call of South Charleston; four grandchil-

dren; a brother, David Call; and a brother-in-law, J. Fred (Susan) Feldwisch.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Clark County 4-H Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 444, Springfield, OH 45501 (<https://clark.osu.edu/give-now>) or the Ohio Junior Holstein Association, P.O. Box 479, Wooster, OH 44691.