

In Memoriam

William Leroy Cleveland

William Leroy "Bill" Cleveland, Wellsboro, Pa., 68, passed away on January 6, 2021, at the UPMC Wellsboro.

He was born in Wellsboro on November 8, 1952, son of the late Basil and Ethel (Hemker) Cleveland. He graduated from Wellsboro High School in 1970 and earned a degree in agricultural engineering from Pennsylvania State University in 1974.

Bill married the former Barbara A. Bollinger in 1975. The couple owned and managed a dairy herd on a farm that has been in his family for more than 150 years. Though his father milked Holsteins, Bill and Barb brought Jerseys to the farm. They bred the herd for production and functional type and regularly ranked among the top herds in the country for genetic merit. A heifer consigned to the 2013 Pot O'Gold Sale, Lost Hill Dimension Holly, topped the ensuing production contest for Dylan Ellenburg of Blacksburg, Va.

Today the 60-cow herd is managed by their son, Bryan. The herd is enrolled on REAP. It has an appraisal average of 84.8% and a JPI average of +24, which ranks among the top 25% in the nation.

Bill was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association. He loved spending time with family, especially his granddaughter, Sage Anna Hornsby.

In addition to his wife of 45 years, Barbara, son and granddaughter, Bill is survived by a daughter, Teri Renee (Ethan) Hornsby of Brooktondale, N.Y.; and sisters, Celia (Dennis) Beck of Lewisburg and Bonnie Pierce of the state of Washington.

Gary G. Hanna

Gary G. Hanna, Highgate, Vt., 66, passed away on February 5, 2021, at his lifelong home, surrounded by his family.

He was born in St. Albans, Vt., on August 3, 1954, son of the late F. Merriman Hanna and Barbara (Firkey) Hanna. He was a member of FFA and graduated from Missisquoi Valley Union High School in 1972.

Gary grew up on the family farm and farmed his entire life. Initially, he worked side-by-side with his father. Eventually, his brother-in-law, Normand, joined the dairy. The two worked together for nearly 40 years, forming a great bond and friendship.

Gary was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association. And though he was a third-generation Jersey breeder, he was the first to milk Registered Jerseys. When he assumed ownership of the farm

about 20 years ago, he purchased a few Registered Jerseys and enrolled the rest of the herd in the Genetic Recovery program. Gary regularly consigned animals to the New England Spring and Vermont State Sales managed by Jersey Marketing Service.

In younger years, he used rare spare moments to play tennis and broomball. He cheered for the Montreal Canadiens. Gary also enjoyed hunting and berry picking in the summer, handing over a bucket of ripe berries to his mom and sister in hopes of a delicious pie in return. Another favorite pastime was the fair, where he toured the livestock barns, enjoyed a few rides, and always partook of Al's French Fries.

In addition to his sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Normand Rheame of Highgate, he is survived by a daughter, Torrey Hanna of Addison, Vt., and her mother, Emily Buskey; a brother, Galen (Diane) of Sahuarita, Ariz.; two nephews; two nieces; a great-nephew; Dillon Jerry, who also helped with the farm; and many cousins and supportive friends and neighbors. He also leaves behind his beautiful herd of 172 Jersey girls and two little cat companions.

Memorials are suggested to the Missisquoi Valley Union High School Agriculture Department, Attention: James Messier, 175 Thunderbird Lane, Swanton, VT 05488.