

In Memoriam

William Floyd Gilmore

William Floyd Gilmore, Boonsboro, Md., 95, passed away on December 5, 2020, at his home in Boonsboro.

He was born on October 9, 1925, in Jeffersonville, Ind., to the late Alpha Fry Gilmore and Ruth Aileen (Redding) Gilmore. He graduated from Jeffersonville High School in 1943 and attended Michigan State University for some time. He volunteered to serve his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was stationed in the Pacific Theater aboard the USS Nantahala and honorably discharged in 1946.

Gilmore was a lifelong dairy farmer. He was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association and the Indiana Jersey Cattle Club.

Upon retiring from dairying, he spent the last 22 years of life working for Washington County Weed Control and pursued a hobby of wood crafting.

He is survived by three children, Ann (Gary) Motz, William E. Gilmore, and Linda Gilmore Hadley; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred June Childs Gilmore, a daughter-in-law, Susan Gilmore, and a son-in-law, Donald E. Hadley Jr.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Robert W. Brown

Robert W. Brown, Centerburg, Ohio, 89, passed away on December 31, 2020, after a short hospitalization.

The eighth child of the late Charles F. Brown and Maude (Sockman) Brown, he was born on August 3, 1931, in Mount Vernon, Ohio. He graduated from Mount Vernon High School in 1949. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, spending 16 months in Korea. Upon his honorable discharge, he returned to Ohio and married Elizabeth "Joyce" Moreland on February 11, 1955.

For 12 years, he was employed as a storeroom truck driver for Pittsburgh Plate Glass. In 1967, he left the job to pursue his love of milking and breeding Registered Jersey cattle, taking over management of Chapmore Farm, owned by his in-laws.

His passion for showing cattle was ignited at the Knox County Fair in 1949, where he exhibited his first Jersey heifer in 4-H. It was the first of many years of showing cattle under the farm name, Brownline Jerseys, at the Ohio Spring Dairy Expo, the Ohio State Fair, World

Dairy Expo and the All American Jersey Show.

Brownline Jerseys was also a regular consignor to Jersey sales, including the Ohio Spring Classic Sale.

Bob was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association. He is a former president of the Ohio Jersey Breeders Association (OJBA) and served the club as District 7 Director for 35 years. He sat on the show committee for 25 years and was a long-time tabulator for the All-Ohio and Junior All-Ohio awards. He was officially recognized for his service to the OJBA at the organization's annual meeting in 2016. Bob was a member of the Ohio Purebred Dairy Cattle Association and the Jersey representative for the Ohio State Fair, which inducted him into its Hall of Fame in 1994.

He was a 36-year advisor of the Knox County Jersey 4-H Dairy Club and a 26-year director for the Hartford Independent Fair. Brown also was a member of the former Friendship United Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife of 65 years, Joyce, he is survived by his three children, Brenda (Ralph) Uhe, Janesville, Wis., Stuart (Dee) Brown of Centerburg, and Cindy (Keith) Jackson of Walhonding; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and five sisters.

Carl F. Gravenkemper

Carl F. Gravenkemper, Pitchin, Ohio, 80, passed away on January 5, 2021, in the Springfield Regional Medical Center in Springfield, Ohio.

He was born in Springfield on March 20, 1940, son of the late Carl and Ruby Gravenkemper. He graduated from Northeastern High School with the class of 1958. He and his wife, Catherine, married on September 15, 1962.

Gravenkemper retired from International Harvester with 34 years of service.

He and his family bred Registered Jerseys using the CFG prefix. He was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association and the Springfield Jersey Cattle Club. He and Catherine were among the original investors in Project Equity in 1976-1977. The family also enjoyed exhibiting Jerseys and regularly consigned to Jersey sales.

Gravenkemper was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and Local 402 of the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Workers of America.

Among the pastimes he and Catherine enjoyed were attending flea markets and

antique shows, where they also sold baked goods and antiques over a 34-year span. Carl was an avid collector of milk bottles.

In addition to his wife of 58 years, Catherine, he is survived by four children, Jeannie (Phil) Anders, Tony (Julie) Gravenkemper, Chris (Susan) Gravenkemper and Paula (Mike) Herzog; two grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Betty Kitts and Emma Jo (Mike) Burke; two brothers-in-law, Bob Kerr and Dennie Parker; an aunt; and a cousin.

He was preceded in death by two sisters-in-law, Helen Kerr and Marjorie Parker, and a brother-in-law, Frank Kitts.

Memorials may be made to the Pitchin Volunteer Fire Department, 4163 E. Pitchin Road, Springfield, OH 45502.