

In Memoriam

Earl R. Waltemyer

Earl R. Waltemyer, Wyalusing, Pa., 85, passed away on May 3, 2021, at home.

He was born in the Pennsylvania township of Springfield on April 3, 1936, son of the late James Henry and Marie Alice (Mummert) Waltemyer. He was a graduate of Glenrock High School and attended Pennsylvania State University. He was a member of the National Guard and always willing to serve others and his community.

He was a lifelong dairy farmer, establishing Walebe Farm Inc. in Colledgeville, Pa., in the late 1970s. He and his family developed a herd that was well-known for production and merchandising of elite animals in the early days of embryo transfer. Among them were several standouts from The All American Jersey Sale. The breed's former high-seller, Valentino, was syndicated in 1980 for \$72,000. The following year, Walebe MC Nuance-ET sold for \$28,000, the high price for an uncalved female at the time.

Waltemyer was among the first to use a rotary milking parlor. He sold milk through the All-Jersey program for some time and operated a farm store that earned accolades for having the "best ice cream."

In October 2000, Earl and his wife, Denise, established the Gypsy Hill Farm in Orwell Township.

He was a member of the Holstein Association and mentored youth as a 4-H leader in Montgomery and Bradford Counties. He was also active with the Colledgeville Rotary. He was an avid hunter and a knowledgeable horticulturalist and landscaper.

He will be missed by his wife of nearly 34 years, Denise; children Robert Waltemyer, Marc (Jessica) Waltemyer, Cynthia Ann Batchelder, Karen Lynn (Richard) Mayberry, Allison Marie (Mark) Chadwick, Margaret Louise (Mark) Crick, Michael Theodore (Rachel) Wilkinson; 14 grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Merle and Shirley Waltemyer; two aunts; and a niece and nephew.

He was preceded in death by a brother, James (Margaret) Waltemyer, three uncles and two aunts.

Memorial contributions are suggested to your local FFA or 4-H club or the Alzheimer's Association in loving memory of Earl.

Melvin L. Helmuth

Melvin L. Helmuth, Hudson, Ind., 74, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on May 10, 2021, at Cameron

Hospital in Angola, Ind.

He was born on March 24, 1947, in LaGrange, Ind., to the late John I. and Sovilla (Kaufman) Helmuth. He grew up on the family farm, which milked Holsteins and raised hogs. He graduated from high school in 1965 and married Marcia Boots two years later at Salem Center Presbyterian Church.

Living his lifetime in the area, he worked at Kraft and Fan Coach and then began farming. In 1974, he and Marcia purchased 32 acres of the farm owned by her grandparents and farmed with her father. The couple established M & M Dairy in 1978 with three Jersey cows: Dopey, Droopy and Susie. Their son, Delmuth, later purchased the herd and bred Registered Jerseys using the DLH prefix. Melvin fed calves until the cows were sold in 2014.

The family purchased additional farmland over the years and raised corn, beans, and wheat on 320 acres. Melvin was planting corn within two days of his unexpected passing.

A true workaholic and well respected in his community, he also worked as a press operator for Moore's and then R. R. Donnelley. In retirement, he enjoyed socializing with other farmers and friends at a local coffee shop.

In addition to his wife of 53 years, Marcia, and son Dyon, an appraiser with the American Jersey Cattle Association, and his wife, Lisa, of Hudson, he is survived by another son, Mitch (Dawn) Helmuth, also of Hudson; a daughter Angel (Brian) Duwell of Coldwater, Mich.; five grandchildren; three great-grandsons; and a brother, Eli Helmuth, and his companion, Connie Pipher, of Wolcottville, Ind.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Ervin Lee and Stanley J. Helmuth.

Memorials may be made to Salem Center Volunteer Fire Department.