

In Memoriam

Clarence “Butch” Katen

Clarence “Butch” Katen, Tillamook, Ore., 67, passed away on August 18, 2021.

He was born on November 8, 1953, in Petaluma, Calif., where he developed a love for the dairy business at an early age.

Butch moved his herd of cattle to a rented facility in Orland, Calif., in 1976 and then to a farm he purchased in 1986. He relocated the herd to Tillamook in 2004 and began shipping milk to Tillamook County Creamery Association. He and his wife, Sue, operated Diamond K Jerseys. The 400-cow herd is enrolled on REAP and seasonally grazed for 8-9 months each year.

Katen was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association and a dairy farmer through and through. He spent every single day in the fields or barn and took pride in improving the farm and herd. Among his passions were registered genetics.

Butch was an entrepreneur at heart. He established another successful business selling grass seed as the west coast distributor of Barenbrug seed.

In addition to his wife, Sue, he is survived by two daughters and five grandchildren.

Samuel Robert Colpetzer

Samuel Robert “Sam” Colpetzer, Greenville, Pa., 47, passed away on August 27, 2021, at the Cleveland Clinic following a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in Tyrone, Pa., on May 6, 1974, son of Thomas Arthur and Karen Louise (Manges) Colpetzer.

Colpetzer graduated from Lawrence County Career and Technical Center in 1992 with a specialization in diesel mechanics. He was a gifted technician, with skills that enabled him to fix almost anything and solve problems others could not. Most recently, he was employed with CY Construction of Fredonia.

Sam and his family were also involved with Registered Jerseys, breeding cattle with the Xanadu prefix. The Colpetzers regularly exhibited at local, state, and national shows. Among the standouts in the showing was Xanadu Brendon Kit Kat {3}-P, Excellent-95%, Grand Champion of the 2007 Mid-Atlantic Jersey Show. Her granddaughter, Xanadu Champion Kandy Kiss {5}, Excellent-95%, was tapped 2009 Supreme Champion of World Dairy Expo for Ben Sauder, Tremont, Ill.

Sam was always willing to lend a hand to those in need and enjoyed the companionship of his dog, Scruffy.

In addition to his father, Thomas (Amy) of Greenville, and mother, Karen (Joel) Roberts of Titusville, he is survived by siblings, Wendy (Jason) McCullough of Bicknell, Ind., Angie (Caleb) Cooper of Slippery Rock, Sally Oakes of Jackson Center and George Colpetzer of Greenville.

Elizabeth Mary Gammon

Elizabeth Mary Gammon, Lyons Brook, Nova Scotia, 91, passed away on September 4, 2021.

Though she was well-known in Canadian Jersey circles, she may best be known among American breeders as “Mom” to Russell Gammon of Fergus, Ontario, former manager of Jersey Canada and Jersey program manager for Semex.

Elizabeth was born on October 4, 1929, in the family farmhouse in Central Caribou, third of four children of the late Harry A. and Laura B. (Lowden) Barnard. She married the late Jack Gammon in August 1954.

The Gammons were joint secretary/treasurers of the Nova Scotia Jersey Breeders Association, taking notes in the beautiful cursive hand they both demonstrated. Over the years, they attended many meetings, exhibitions, and 4-H events in service to the agriculture community.

Elizabeth was a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church of Pictou, where she taught Sunday school, and the former MacGregor Atlantic Missionary Society of Lyons Brook.

She held two things dear: her Scottish heritage, ancestry, and clan tartan, “Campbell of Lowden,” and the life her father and uncle made in Canada after they emigrated from England as Home Children.

Elizabeth will be remembered for her extreme generosity, especially for food. She served tea, sandwiches, and sweets to anyone who crossed her doorstep or a full meal to those with more time. She was a voracious reader and enjoyed knitting, often bringing her work to events. She had a sly, quiet sense of humor and no rival for quick, perfectly placed one-liners. She possessed unconditional love for family across four generations. Friends of her children often regarded themselves as Honorary Gammons because of her acceptance, support, and hospitality.

In addition to her son, Russell, she is survived by two other sons, Douglas (Isabelle) of Three Brooks, and Gary (Sherry) of Edmonton, Alberta; a daughter Gayle (David) Nelson at the home place in Lyons Brook: six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; several nieces,

nephews, and cousins; and a sister-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Jack; a daughter, Janice; brothers, Frank and David; sister, Esther; two brothers-in-law; and a sister-in-law.

Memorials may be made to the Memorial Fund of First Presbyterian Church, the IWK Health Centre (pediatric hospital), or a charity of choice.

Alma Jean Kenny

Alma Jean Kenny, Enon Valley, Pa., 89, passed away on September 4, 2021, at her home.

Born on January 29, 1932, to the late Robert and Mary Alice (Eakman) Musgrave, she and her sister were the first set of twins born in Sewickly Hospital in Sewickly, Pa.

She married Robert F. “Bob” Kenny on September 24, 1952. They moved to the farm today known as Kenny Jersey Farm in 1952 when Bob became herdsman for the owner, Harry McCurley. They worked into a share of the business, purchasing the farm in 1968 and milking a herd of 34 Jerseys. Today the farm is operated as an LLC with their grandson, Clayton, and his wife, Reneé. The 200-cow herd is enrolled on REAP and has a 2020 lactation average of 19,679 lbs. milk, 983 lbs. fat and 774 lbs. protein.

Alma was a 60-year member of Westfield Grange and a member of Westfield Presbyterian Church in Mt. Jackson. She served the latter as an ordained elder and deacon and supported women’s groups for both causes. She also was a member of the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Association and Farm Bureau and regularly played in card clubs.

She was a renowned cook, serving not just family and farm hands, but community as well. Alma extended invitations to holiday feasts beyond family and was asked to organize many church and civic dinners. She was an artist at heart. She enjoyed decorating her home, painting with oils, crafting with the grandchildren, and sewing by hand. A special joy for Grandma Alma was to create a quilt for each grandchild upon their high school graduation. She actively followed the lives of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and looked forward to hearing from them.

In addition to her husband of 68 years, Bob, and grandson and granddaughter-in-law, she is survived by two daughters, Marian (Greg) Spieker of Enon Valley and Marlene (Scott) Mitcheltree of New Castle; a son, Glenn (Lisa) Kenny of Cochran; nine other grandchildren;

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five great-grandchildren; and her twin sister, Alice Lampman of Erie.

She was preceded in death by a son, Don Kenny, sister Virginia Schuster, and brother, Norman Musgrave.

Memorials may be made to Westfield Cemetery Fund, 1363 Mt. Jackson Rd., New Castle, PA 16102.

Lloyd E. Heinz

Lloyd E. Heinz, Shawano, Wis., 73, passed away on September 5, 2021.

He was born in Shawano on June 22, 1948, son of the late Roger and Margaret (Runge) Heinz. He graduated from Bonduel High School in 1966. After police training, he became a deputy with the Shawano County Sheriff's Department, where he served over 30 years.

Lloyd also bred Registered Jerseys. He got into the Jersey business on a bet with the Tauchen family, who milked Holsteins and professed they could get 20,000 lbs. milk from a Jersey. A cow from Sorenson Hillview Jerseys, Pine River, Wis., lost the wager for Lloyd but won his heart.

He purchased additional brown cows, some in partnership with other Wisconsin breeders, including D & D Jerseys of Newton, Milk-N-More Farms of Cecil, and Budjon Farms of Lomira. Cattle were managed with the Holsteins at Tauchen Harmony Valley in Bonduel, Wis.

The Heinz herd was enrolled on REAP and had a 2020 actual herd average of 18,034 lbs. milk, 899 lbs. fat and 659 lbs. protein on 58 cows. The herd ranked among the top 25% in the nation for genetic merit with a herd average JPI of +31 (96% genotyped). Lloyd sent many bulls to A.I. and was a regular consignor to The All American Jersey Sale, the Pot O'Gold Sale and the Wisconsin State Sale. He was a contract advertiser with the *Jersey Journal*.

His enthusiasm for Jerseys was contagious to young people, including the next generation of Tauchens. Both India and Abby Tauchen exhibited at The All American, where they earned multiple All American or Reserve All American laurels and the Overall Premier Performance Winner in 2009 with Milk-N-More Sultan Brynn-ET (owned with Lloyd and Ron Wussow). India topped the 2015 National Jersey Youth Production Contest with JX THVI Allstar Bonnie 7924 {4}. Abby attended the inaugural Jersey Youth Academy in 2009 and has served the Wisconsin Jersey Breeders Association (WJBA) as president.

Heinz was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association and a director

of the WJBA. He received the Senior Breeder of the Year award from the state Jersey association in 2019.

Though he was a man of few words, he dearly loved cattle and the people he met working in the industry. He also loved hunting but preferred to focus on a target through a camera lens instead of a gun scope.

He is survived by a brother, Ron (Helen) Heinz; a niece, Michelle (Bret) Kelly; a nephew, Chris Heinz; and a great-niece and nephew, Alana and Brenden Kelly.

