

## In Memoriam

### Robert E. Bachman

Robert E. Bachman, Mount Joy, Pa., 58, passed away on July 9, 2020.

He was born in Ephrata, Pa., son of the late James N. Bachman and Maureen M. McCollum Banner of Millerstown, Pa., and stepson of Joseph Banner.

Robert owned and operated a Registered Jersey farm in Mount Joy for many years and worked in the mines in Tremont as well.

He was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association and the Dela-Ches Fishing Association in Lawn. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and kept busy. He was kind, giving and amicable to all.

In addition to his mother and stepfather, he is survived by a daughter, Jenna Weaver of Lancaster, Pa.; siblings Michele Hess and Michael (Anita) Bachman, both of Manheim, Pa.; a stepdaughter, Jessica Shenk of Virginia; and four nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Debbie A. Wilt Bachman, who passed away in 2016, and a brother, James N. Bachman, Jr.

Memorials in his name may be made to a charity of one's choice.

### Margaret L. Kauffman

Margaret L. Kauffman, Shreve, Ohio, 90, passed away on July 18, 2020, at LifeCare Hospice in Wooster.

She was born on July 17, 1930, in Congress, Ohio, to J. Floyd and Erma (Swartz) Strock. She married Dale Kauffman, a former Director for National All-Jersey Inc., on November 6, 1949.

The Kauffmans and their family operate Margandale Jerseys, a Registered Jersey farm in Shreve. Though her kind and gentle spirit enabled her to raise calves to maturity and care for cows, she was best known for her cooking skills. She faithfully made a pie every day but Sunday, using no recipe because she knew the consistency of dough by touch alone. She cared for family members too, ensuring each knew they were dearly loved.

She was a member of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church, which she served as trustee and hospitality committee head for many years.

In addition to her husband of 70 years, Dale, she is survived by three children, Linda (Chet) Franks, Denny (Chris) Kauffman and Jenny (Jason) Schumaker, all of Shreve; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Dale Kauffman, in 2017, and seven brothers and sisters, Benjamin Strock,

Kathryn Fetter, Kenneth Strock, Paul Strock, Mary Schaaf, Lavonne Uhl and Eileen Strock.

Memorials may be made to LifeCare Hospice, 1900 Akron Rd., Wooster, OH 44691 or Hopewell Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund, 6900 SR 754, Shreve, OH 44676.

### Robert "Bob" Thompson

Robert "Bob" Thompson, Hurley, S.D., 85, passed away on July 20, 2020, in an automobile accident.

He was born on October 2, 1934, on the family farm near Hurley, to Harry and Mayme (Peterson) Thompson. He graduated from Hurley High School in 1952 and then served in the U.S. Air Force.

Bob married Geraldine "Gerry" Plath in 1954. They moved to Turner County in 1956 to begin farming, then to Gerry's home place in 1965, where they farmed and lived until his passing. For many years he produced South Dakota certified soybean seed for area farmers.

Bob played amateur baseball in his younger years and was inducted into the South Dakota Softball Hall of Fame in 1997. He was an active member of the Hurley American Legion and baptized and confirmed at the Hurley United Methodist Church.

The couple had three children, including Linda (wife of National All-Jersey Director Calvin Graber of Parker, S.D.), Diane Thompson and Randi (Christi) Thompson.

He is also survived by seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a sister Deloris (Rick) Ricci of LeMars, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gerry, in 1998, and grandson, Ryan Graber, in 2009.

Undesignated memorials may be given to the Ryan Graber Memorial 4-H Scholarship that is awarded annually at the Turner County Fair.

### Duane Sterling Kuhlman

Duane Sterling Kuhlman, Snohomish, Wash., 92, passed away on July 24, 2020.

He was born on April 10, 1928, in Snohomish to parents of German descent. He played football and was a member of the band at Snohomish High School and excelled as an FFA leader. He defended his country for two years while enlisted in the Army.

His early life experiences and time on the farm owned by his parents prepared him for a lifelong career in dairy farming. He established Greenridge Jerseys in 1942 as a 4-H project. Over the next five decades, he bred Registered Jersey cows and bulls that were sought the world over for their high production and longevity.

Duane received the national Jersey organization's highest award—Master Breeder—in 2001.

Duane initially milked a herd of 55 cows, then expanded the herd to 130 cows in 1954. The purchase of an adjoining 178-acre farm in 1961 enabled him to build a herringbone parlor and grow the herd size to 210 cows. The herd was enrolled on official performance programs of the national Jersey association in 1974. Greenridge Jerseys ranked nationally for production for more than a decade, reaching pinnacle status among large herds for milk and protein in 1994 with a herd average of 18,700 lbs. milk and 699 lbs. protein on 200-plus cows.

Duane retired from dairying in 1995, selling much of the herd and leasing the farm to Jerry Rodeffer and his family.

Arguably the most well-known animal of Duane's breeding is Greenridge FW Chief Althea-ET, who sold in the 1987 All American Jersey Sale to Comfort Hill Jersey Farm in Vermont for \$14,000. She topped the Comfort Hill Dispersal in 1990, selling to Chaney Farms, Bowling Green, Ky. "Althea" has 130 male descendants in A.I. sampling and was named Runner-Up in the 2000 *Jersey Journal* Great Cow Contest. She received the Edyvean Farm Trophy for lifetime protein production in 2000.

Another female of significance is Greenridge Berretta Accent, the former world milk and protein champion, who completed a record of 41,616 lbs. milk, 1,943 lbs. fat and 1,501 lbs. protein in 2000. She was among the animals sold to the Rodeffer family in 1995.

Duane was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association. He was also an active member of Zion Lutheran Church in Snohomish and the Snohomish Lions Club, selling hot dogs with his wife, Pat, from the organization's "Weenie Wagon."

Over the years, Duane nurtured many farm hands and mentored many Jersey breeders. Later in life, he played golf and horseshoes and tended a garden. His family knew him as a kind and gentle man and a true patriarch.

He is survived by his wife Pat Kuhlman, children, Mike (Rose), Dan, Kathy (Guyle), Bobbi (Bruce), Bonni (Gene) and Christine (Steve); and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Snohomish Lions Club.

### Jeffrey Michael Michalek

Jeffrey Michael Michalek, Perry, Mich., 56, passed away on July 27, 2020.

He was born on March 15, 1964, in Owosso, Mich., to the late George J. and  
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Frances H. (Sayles) Michalek. He resided his entire life on the family farm in Perry Township. He graduated from Perry Public Schools with the class of 1982 and earned a degree from Michigan State University's agricultural technology program. Jeff partnered with his brother, Ronald, in the dairy business. The pair operated the last dairy farm in Perry Township until 2009, when they sold the cows. The Michaleks continued to farm, focusing on a cash crop business instead.

In his youth, Jeff was active in 4-H and FFA. He enjoyed showing Registered Jerseys at the Shiawassee County and Fowlerville Fairs and the Michigan State Fair in Detroit, first through 4-H and later in open class. He was the proud breeder of the Supreme Champion of the Michigan State Fair in 2013, the first champion to be named after the event was reorganized as a private fair and held in Novi.

Even after selling the cows, Jeff continued to be passionate about Jerseys, showing heifers, attending county fairs and other cattle shows and auctions and talking about pedigrees with fellow breeders.

He was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association and the Michigan Jersey Cattle Club, where he served as president, vice president and secretary and volunteered for many committees. He sat on the board and numerous committees of Farm Bureau at the county level and was a lifetime member of the FFA Alumni Association. He was a member of the board of review for Perry Township since 1998, serving as chair much of that time.

Jeff was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Morrice, where he was an usher and helped to serve at church events and funerals.

In addition to his brother Ronald, he is survived by two other brothers, Msgr. George C. Michalek and Dr. Thomas E. (Lucinda) Michalek; two aunts; four nieces; a foster niece and her family; a grand-niece; and many cousins and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his godmother, Mary Louise Sayles, and a nephew.

Memorials are suggested to Owosso Memorial Hospital, Cancer Shuttle Fund.