

In Memoriam

Betty Marie Claudon Shaw

Betty Marie Claudon Shaw, Avon, Ill., 85, passed away on November 9, 2020, at The Elms, Macomb, Ill.

She was born on July 22, 1935, in Avon, daughter of the late Dell and Louise (Vickers) Meachum. She grew up in Greenbush, Ill., and raised registered Herefords.

Betty married L. Gerald Claudon and together they owned Meadow Ridge Farm, a Registered Jersey herd in Chenoa, Ill. They enjoyed showing at state and national shows. Among the highlights was exhibiting the winner of the 1968 Jersey Bull Futurity, M.R. Epic Major. The Claudons won many other championships as well, along with banners for premier breeder and premier exhibitor.

Betty was an assistant dairy superintendent at the Illinois State Fair and a member of Illinois FFA Alumni. She received an honorary chapter degree from Avon FFA. Betty was a 65-year member of American Legion Auxiliary and served the organization as district president and director. She also was active with the Forty and Eight (40/8), an honor society for veterans, for 58 years.

She married Roy E. Shaw on January 1, 1973. She worked in the banking industry and at the Prairie City Rehab and Health Care center and assisted in management of Premium Seeds Inc. of Berwick, Ill.

Betty is survived by children, Sue Ann Claudon of Chenoa, Cindy Yocum of Bushnell, Ill., Barbara Shaw of St. Augustine, Ill., Linda (Wayne) Kilburn of Greenbush, Roger (Michelle) Shaw of St. Augustine, and Roy (Carol) "Corky" Shaw Jr. of Roseville; 12 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy.

Memorials may be made to the Abingdon-Avon FFA Chapter and/or Avon Fat Steer Show Steer Committee.

Bill David Boyer

Bill "David" Boyer, Webbers Falls, Okla., 73, passed away on August 1, 2021, in Fort Smith, Ark.

He was born on July 16, 1948, in Hobbs, N.M., to the late Clyde Franklin and Audrey Marie (Wingert) Boyer. He spent the first five years of life in New Mexico and then moved with his family to Muskogee, Okla., in 1953. He attended junior high at Mountain View School and graduated from Muskogee Central High School in 1966. He married his high school sweetheart, LaNell Blackwell, on

July 23, 1966.

David earned a degree in agriculture education from Oklahoma State University. He taught vocational agriculture and worked in insurance and agronomy research as well. His real lifelong desire, though, was to be a dairy farmer. So, at the age of 30, he fulfilled that dream when he and LaNell moved with their two children to a beautiful farm south of Webbers Falls and raised Registered Jerseys.

He was a member of the American Jersey Cattle Association and used programs from the organization to manage the herd, including REAP. The herd of about 220 milking cows was dispersed in October 2011. The Boyers continued to raise heifers on the farm and housed cows at another dairy north of Webbers Falls.

David sat on the board of the Central Equity Cooperative and also served the co-op as president.

Faith, family, and agriculture were the cornerstones of his life. He was a deacon and Sunday school teacher in the churches he and LaNell attended. He had a passion for seeing marriages and families thrive, enjoyed mentoring young people, and lent a hand or listening ear when it was needed.

In the spring of 2016, he became LaNell's caregiver when she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. In December 2017, he received a kidney transplant from a 37-year-old donor named Jessica. From that time forward, he had two primary missions: remain faithful in caring for LaNell and honor Jessica's memory with a healthful lifestyle.

In addition to his wife of 55 years, David is survived by a son Rudy (Christy) Boyer of Whitehouse, Texas; a daughter Katie (Craig) Osburn of Webbers Falls; five grandchildren; sisters, Nelda Fulton of Warner, Okla., Sherron (Sid) Hunnicut of Lavaca, Ark., and Mona (David) Price of Muskogee; brothers, Dale (Patsy) Boyer of Choctaw, Okla., Jack (Marion) Boyer of Reinbeck, Iowa, and Jody (Debbie) Boyer of Boynton, Okla.; brother-in-law Kenny (Kathy) Jackson of Muskogee; several nieces and nephews; and family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his in-laws, Ford and Ada Blackwell; sister-in-law, Carole Beach; and brothers-in-law Marlin Fulton and Bill Beach.

Alice M. Barlass

Alice Mae Barlass, Janesville, Wis., 90, passed away on August 2, 2021.

She was born Alice Tobison on September 26, 1930, the daughter of the late William and Minnie (Luebke) Tobison. She attended Four Oaks grade school in Harmony Township and

graduated from Janesville High School in 1948. She received a teacher's certificate from Whitewater Teachers College (UW-Whitewater) and taught in rural Janesville and Milton area schools.

Alice married her high school valentine, Marvin Barlass, on June 16, 1951. The two made their home on Rock Prairie, the region where his family first settled upon emigration from Scotland, where they farmed their entire lives. They purchased their present farm in 1968 and established Barlass Jerseys. Today, Barlass Jerseys is operated by their son, Bill, and his wife Marion, and their sons, Brian and Brett, at Yosemite Jerseys in Hilmar, Calif., and daughter, Kristin Paul, director of field services for the American Jersey Cattle Association (AJCA), and their families. Marvin and Alice's youngest daughter, Sara, is a former appraiser and area representative for the AJCA and continues to work part time for the company.

Alice was a member of the AJCA and the Wisconsin Jersey Breeders Association, which named her Wisconsin Woman of the Year in 1995. For many years, Alice and Marvin assisted as inspectors of elections at the Annual Meetings of the AJCA and National All-Jersey Inc. Among Alice's favorite pastimes was traveling to annual meetings with Marvin and her beloved sister, Toby Spatz, to perform her inspector duties and socialize with friends.

She was a longtime 4-H leader in Rock County and a devout community service volunteer. Her efforts ran the gamut, from hosting school children for tours of Barlass Jerseys to helping with the local women's shelter. For her service, she received the YWCA Rock County Woman of Distinction award.

Alice was also a member of Rock Prairie Presbyterian Church, which she served as deacon and ruling elder. She taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and was active with women's groups.

She is survived by five children who were the love of her life, William "Bill" (Marion) Barlass, Janet Giangregorio, Alfred Barlass, Mark Barlass, and Sara Barlass (Greg Devine); four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, Doris (Dick) Puermer; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, George and Shirley Barlass, Gil-Bar Jerseys, Janesville, Wis.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Marvin, who passed away in September 2008, two grandchildren, sister Arlene Spatz, and brother and sister-in-law, Darrell and Bernita Reeder.

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variety of the organizations of which Alice loved.

Stephen P. “Steve” Bachelor

Stephen P. “Steve” Bachelor, Angola, Ind., passed away on August 3, 2021, two weeks shy of his 77th birthday.

He was born in Angola on August 16, 1944, to the late Max and June (Koon) Bachelor. He lived his entire life on the family farm purchased by his great-grandfather in 1864. Steve graduated from Orland High School in 1962 and then studied agriculture through the Purdue University short course. He married Lynda Holden on December 2, 1967.

Steve was active in dairy youth programs. He joined 4-H in 1953 and purchased his first calf, Jersey Jester, for \$500. He won senior showmanship at The All American Junior Jersey Show in 1961 and the National Jersey Youth Achievement Contest in 1964. His purchase from the 1958 Pot O’Gold Sale, Beacon Sure Thing, placed second in the ensuing production contest and topped the aged cow class at The 1963 All American Junior Jersey Show. He sold her in The All American Jersey Sale the following year.

Steve made lifelong friends and earned the respect of many in the show ring as exhibitor and judge. The Bachelors exhibited two National Jersey Jug Futurity Winners (Bachelors B Sooner Jessie in 1995 and Bachelors Sambo Emmy 661 in 2002) and three Reserve Winners. They won National Grand Champion laurels with SS Tony Jenni of Lee Hollow in 1997 and Bolle-Acres MJ Willie May, a cow owned in partnership with Bolle-Acres Jerseys, in 1998 and 1999. Bachelor Farms received both the Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor banners at the All American in 1995. They won Overall Premier Performance Winner of the show twice with “Emmy” and also with Nickys Pitino Nicollete.

Steve was called on to officiate shows often. He judged the All American Junior Jersey Show in 2002 and is the only man to place the National Jersey Jug Futurity with his son, Shawn, as his consultant three years later.

Bachelor Farms used programs from the American Jersey Cattle Association (AJCA), including REAP. They contributed to Project Equity for more than 25 years and advertised with the *Jersey Journal*. The family also routinely consigned to The All American Jersey Sale, the National Heifer Sale, the Top of the World Sale, the Kentucky National

Sale and the Ohio Spring Classic Sale. They also supported sales managed by dairy clubs at Ohio State University, Purdue University, and Virginia Tech.

Though the milking cows were sold in 2019, the Bachelors continued to raise young stock on the farm.

Steve was a member of the AJCA and was honored with the Max Gordon Recognition Award in 2019. Among his friends, he was known for his athletic prowess as a long-distance runner and basketball player in high school.

In addition to his wife of 53 years, Lynda, and son, Shawn, and his wife, Jackie, of Orland, Ind., he is survived by two other sons, Cory (Stacy) Bachelor of Orland and Curt (Jen) Bachelor of Angola; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his in-laws, Keith and Lila Holden.

Edwin Lee Crotty

Edwin Lee “Ed” Crotty, Eastampton, N.J., 85, passed away on August 8, 2021. He was born on April 28, 1936, in Morristown, N.J., son of the late James and Nancy Crotty.

Crotty worked with Jersey cattle in various capacities his entire life. His work ethic and experience with milk marketing, dairy product science, cattle genetics and people made him a valued asset to the Jersey breed. The American Jersey Cattle Club (AJCC) honored him with the Distinguished Service Award in 1991.

Ed began working with Jersey cows in his youth at Twin Oaks Jersey Farm in Morristown. He assisted with the show string, milked by hand, and worked in the fields. A love for cattle firmly rooted, he pursued a degree in animal husbandry at Rutgers University. His studies were interrupted twice: first, when he became a DHIA tester for Somerset County for six months, and then, when he returned to Twin Oaks to operate the milk plant where Jersey Creamline products were bottled.

When Twin Oaks closed, Crotty returned to Rutgers and worked at the university dairy in return for housing. He also was a night shift switch board operator for the school and earned tuition money at a gas station on the weekends and as a milk tester for Burlington County DHIA for two summers.

Ed earned his undergraduate degree from Rutgers in 1959 and then accepted a fieldman position with United Milk Producers. He was commissioned for six months of active duty with the U.S. Army and returned to the cooperative as director of milk marketing. He resigned his position at the cooperative to earn an advanced degree in dairy chemistry.

In the spring of 1962, he became the eastern area representative for the AJCC and National All-Jersey Inc. His responsibilities initially included three states and grew to 13. He helped to secure All-Jersey franchises in North and South Carolina and opened a pipeline of Jersey genetics that flowed from New England breeders to the Carolinas. By 1966, this market reached \$1 million in sales. His work made it easier for the AJCC to officially enter the cattle buying and selling business and laid the groundwork for today’s Jersey Marketing Service.

In 1969, Crotty became manager of another well-known New Jersey dairy that milked Registered Jerseys—Ogston Farm of Columbus. He worked with herd owner and AJCC Master Breeder John Bishop VI to introduce the production-bred herd to the Jersey world, promoting it with the slogan, “pure for production.” Numerous production winners and bulls were developed with his guidance. Among the notables were five winners of the Pot O’Gold Production Contest between 1974 and 1981 and the bull Quicksilvers Magic of Ogton. Crotty officially managed the herd until 1978 but continued as a consultant through the herd dispersal in July 1989.

He accepted a position with the New Jersey Department of Corrections as supervisor of farm operations in 1978. That year, the farm lost \$1 million producing poor-quality products. By the time he retired in 2000, the 13-farm system was in the black, selling \$8 million of high-quality products. Ed introduced a Jersey herd to the farm, purchasing genetics from venues like the All American Jersey Sale, the National Heifer Sale and the Dixie Classic. He used Jersey milk to manufacture yogurt and other specialty products.

But Ed was most proud of another achievement at the Department of Corrections: rehabilitating those who were incarcerated by giving them responsibilities, making them accountable for their actions, and rewarding them with encouragement. He appeared on the Phil Donahue show to explain his methods and received a Professional Achievement Award from Governor Kane for his efforts.

Crotty was an inspector with USDA’s Food Safety Inspection Service from 2006-2014. He established LBL Foods in 2008. Among the products is On Guard, a drinkable yogurt that was the first to earn the low-glycemic, diabetic-friendly seal of the Glycemic Research Institute.

Ed enjoyed hosting family and friends for barbeque and traveling to Jersey

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events.

He is survived by a son, Kenneth (Heather) Crotty, and a grandson, as well as many dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Jim, Paul, and Betty.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans at donate.dav.org.