

From the Field

In Passing

Lance Hill, 55, Redmond, Ore., passed Dec. 26, 2024.

Lance was born to Lonnie and Jean Hill in Redmond on July 19, 1969. He grew up on a small farm adjacent to his grandparents' farm where they raised Quarter Horses, Hereford cattle, sheep and hay. He participated in 4-H and FFA with beef and sheep projects. He was very involved as an FFA officer and was on the Oregon State FFA livestock judging team in 1989. Lance also participated in sports as a youth and wrestled all the way through his high school years as a Redmond High School (RHS) Panther.

He attended Linn Benton Community College and then transferred to Fresno State University. Following graduation from Fresno State, Lance completed his master's degree at Oregon State University and then student-taught at Eagle Point High School in 1995. His first agricultural education teaching job was in central California, just outside of Fresno at Washington Union High School. In 2001, Lance returned to Oregon and taught at Mountain View High School in Bend until 2009. Life came full circle when he had the opportunity to return to his alma mater in Redmond when his agricultural teacher, Ted Tesconi, retired. While teaching at RHS, Lance led and coached numerous competitive horse judging and veterinary science teams and two state champion livestock judging teams. He also had numerous students compete at state and national levels in public speaking and team leadership events. He was awarded his Honorary American FFA Degree in 2022. He served on many boards and committees over the years: Oregon Vocational Agriculture Teacher's Association board, Deschutes County Auction committee and Rock of Redmond Mat Club, just to name a few. It is an understatement to say that he impacted the lives of thousands of students in his program and around the state.

Lance had many passions in life: agriculture, hunting, fishing, cooking, barbecue and exploring new places. He loved his family and spending time with them. Family vacations were usually combined with something livestock related. Whether it was a two-week road trip to Oklahoma City, Okla., for the Junior National Hereford Expo or a road trip to Disneyland with a stop to meet Mickey Mouse, but really to drop goats off for breeding, it was always an "ag-perience" versus an experience with him. One thing we will all remember, regardless of who you are, is that if you were a passenger with him when he stopped at said destination, you'd better be ready to vacate the vehicle immediately, have all your belongings and be prepared for whatever you were there to do. He did not like to wait once he arrived.

Lance's legacy will continue to live through his family, the FFA and the halls of RHS.

Bill McInnis, 81, May, Texas, passed Jan. 30.

A lifelong resident of Brown County, Texas, Bill was born July 28, 1943, in Brownwood, Texas, to Claude and Lillie Mae McInnis. He attended school in Williams, Texas, and May, Texas, and was a 1961 graduate of May High School. Following graduation, he attended Texas Tech University, where he was the president of the Block and Bridle Club. Bill graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in animal science in 1965, and immediately started a professional cattle fitting service, traveling across the nation exhibiting cattle.

In 1969, Bill and his father, Claude, formed McInnis Cattle Co., a registered Hereford operation. In 1973, while showing bulls at the Southwestern Livestock Show in El Paso, Texas, Bill met his future wife, Jessica Gearhart.



Bill McInnis

They married the same year on his birthday and celebrated 51 years of marriage this past summer.

Bill was a farmer and rancher and was known by all as a hard worker. He loved to tell stories and poke fun at his friends. If he didn't make fun of you or give you a nickname, you knew he didn't like you. He loved good livestock, his family and to entertain.

Bill was a member of the Texas Hereford Association, American Hereford Association and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. He was a director and member of the executive committee for the Texas Hereford Association and had the privilege to serve as a classifier and judge at various Texas shows. Bill was a member of Central United Methodist Church for more than 40 years.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Claudette Thomas. He is survived by his wife, Jessica; and children, Ben (Rachel) McInnis of May, and Rachel (Scott) Myers of Claude, Texas. Bill was proud of his ranching roots in Brown County, on land that has been in his family since 1857, but more importantly, that his family legacy will continue with his five grandsons, Levi, Ty and Tanner McInnis, and Brooks and Reece Myers.

Kimberly Annette Rhyne Eudy, 60, Harrisburg, N.C., passed Feb. 12.

She went home to be with her Lord after a fierce yet brief battle with ALS. Kim was born July 27, 1964, in Charlotte, N.C., to Linda Ruth Conrad and Robert Rudisill Rhyne Jr.

Kim was a devoted mother, daughter, sister, aunt, niece and friend. If ever someone was in need, she was there. She and her girls traveled the country showing Hereford cattle, a love that she instilled in them, and they will carry on. She was



Kim Eudy

still very much involved with the farm and cattle work until her final days. Kim's fighting spirit was admired by all, even more so during her battle with ALS. While it was fast and difficult, Kim reminded herself and others God was with her always.

Kim's life was her daughters; that was evident to all. She attended every softball game, every school event, countless cow shows and even as the girls grew older, she was there always. Above all, Kim preferred to spend her time with her family and animals. She loved her cows, dogs and 'granddogs.'

Kim is preceded in death by the girls' father, Dale Eudy; and her sister, Michelle Rhyne.

Left to cherish her memory are daughters, Alexis (Ben) Ketchie and Courtney Eudy; parents, Linda and Dave Mulvie, and Bob and Pam Rhyne; brother, Robert Rhyne III; sisters, Paige (Roger) Suclupe and Elizabeth (Ben) ZumMallen; nieces and nephews: Hannah, Matthew and Michael

Suclupe, and Sam, James and Adelyn ZumMallen; dogs, Tucker and Zoey; and granddogs, Cheeto, Cheezit and Bentley. While we will miss her every day, we find peace knowing she is made new again in heaven with her Savior.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Courtney Green, who helped care for Kim while the girls were working. She was a true blessing, and Kim loved her very much.

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