

# From the Field

## In Passing

**Patricia June Seuferer**, 84, Milo, Iowa, passed Jan. 24.

She had been tenderly cared for by her family and died at her home, in her bed, on the farm where she had lived for 55 years. She was surrounded by her family and was so loved.

Patricia was born in Melcher, Iowa, on June 22, 1940, to Flossie and Willard Boles at their home. When Patricia was 18, she married 22-year-old Mervin Seuferer on Sept. 13, 1958. Together, over their 66 years of marriage, they built a life filled with love, hard work and devotion to their family. The couple farmed and raised five children while both worked full-time jobs in Des Moines, Iowa. Patricia's dedication to her family was unwavering, and her love for them knew no bounds. She was also a friend and acquaintance to many Hereford breeders from her years of family involvement in the breed.

Patricia had many passions, including reading everything she could get her hands on, camping with friends and family at the Iowa State Fair and indulging in her favorite treats: deviled eggs, raspberry-flavored anything and York Peppermint Patties. She also had a talent for cross-stitching and spent many hours creating beautiful squares that were lovingly turned into quilts and gifted to family members. Patricia and Mervin enjoyed spending time in Arizona and Texas during the winter months.

Patricia was known for her strength, boldness and deep pride in her family. She always made sure her loved ones knew how proud she was of them and stood by them with a heart full of support. Her kindness and presence will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Left to cherish Patricia's memory are her husband, Mervin; five children, Rande (Linda) Seuferer, RaDonna Hunerdosse, Giles (Nancy)



**Patricia Seuferer**

Seuferer, Karla Alexander and Karma (Mike) Nielsen; 14 grandchildren: Grant Seuferer, Bryant (Rebekah) Seuferer, Brooke (Trent Verwers) Seuferer, Amanda (Jason) Maring, Justin (Lindsay) Hunerdosse, Jordan (Kirstie) Summers, Samuel Seuferer, Grace Seuferer, William Seuferer, Meredith (Marques) Reischl, Zachery (Jessica Barry) Alexander, Brody Alexander, Megan (Brad) Gee and Katelyn (Andrew) Kibbe; 16 great grandchildren: Valerie Verwers, Joanna Seuferer, Claire Hunerdosse, Anna Maring, Jewell Bowlin, Luke Hunerdosse, Jase Hunerdosse, Boden Hunerdosse, Marlei Reischl, Magnahni Reischl, Moses Reischl, Henry Gee, Charlie Gee, Jaxon Kibbe, Evelyn Kibbe and Millie Kibbe; and many more loving extended family members.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents and her nine siblings: Kenneth Boles, Carroll Boles, Naomi Johnson Lopez, Keith Boles, Norman Boles, Marie Boles, Louise Boles, Lowell Boles and Norma Greubel.

**Cynthia Ann "Ann" Bartholomew Lee**, 91, Franklin, Tenn., passed Feb. 14.

Ann was born to Byron and Cleo Bartholomew on July 10, 1933, in Memphis, Tenn., the youngest of four children. Raised in Midtown Memphis, she graduated from Central High School and went on to study at Vanderbilt University where she met her future husband, Wallace Lee.

Ann and Wallace lived in Georgia and Virginia, while Wallace served in the U.S. Navy, and they settled in Nashville, Tenn., where he joined the family business, Lee Company. In 1964 they moved to Williamson County to their cattle farm, Triple L Ranch, where Ann and Wallace raised their five children and created a life for their family centered around their love for each other and their children.



**Ann Lee**

She was most notably a true example of a loving wife, a fiercely devoted mother and a remarkably talented and vibrant woman to her community. As a mother, she was deeply involved in her children's lives as a substitute teacher, a PTA officer, a Girl Scout leader and a 4-H volunteer. Ann was once named Williamson County's mother of the year. On the farm, she was known for riding a tractor baling hay and managing the financial operation of Triple L Ranch. She could be found most Saturdays for many years at the Triple L Ranch truck at the farmers market selling beef and laughingly engaging with customers who were her friends. She was as sophisticated and elegant as she was genuine and down-to-earth. Ann was deeply loved by all who knew her.

She loved the Lord with all of her heart and was a longtime member of Woodmont Christian Church. For the latter part of her life, Ann played piano and worshiped at Fernvale Community Church.

Her family was the center of Ann's life, and the Lee family was centered around her. She died peacefully on Valentine's Day 2025 and was predeceased by her parents, her siblings and her husband, Wallace Leon Lee.

She is survived by her children: Cynthia Lee (Lisa Preston), Carol Lee (Daniel) Fold, Bill (Maria) Lee, Steven (Tina) Lee and Abby Lee (John) Mitchell; and her grandchildren: Joshua Steele, Rachel Lee Wright, Eric Fold, Jessica Lee Stowell, Amanda Lee Crossno, Justin Lee, Jacob Lee, Caleb Lee, Sarah Kate Lee Kavich and Eli Lee; and 24 great-grandchildren. She is deeply loved by them all, and all are broken hearted but rejoicing in their spirit as they know she now resides in her Father's Kingdom with her loving husband.

**Gary Charles Reinke**, 82, Watertown, Wis., passed. Feb. 18.

Gary was born on June 29, 1942, to Gilbert and Esther Reinke in Milwaukee, Wis. He was baptized in the Lord on July 26, 1942. His parents owned and operated a greenhouse and flower shop in West Allis, Wis., where Gary was often found helping with the family business. In preparation for Christmas at the flower shop, he took great pleasure in “flocking” Christmas trees, which also generated extra spending money.

He attended Jordan Lutheran Elementary School. In 1960, he was a member of the first graduating class at Wisconsin Lutheran High School (WISCO) before attending UW-Milwaukee, where he received his bachelor’s degree in education.

Gary Reinke married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Marilynn, on June 27, 1964. In the fall of 1964, he began his 43-year career at WISCO, his alma-mater, teaching sociology, economics and U.S. history while coaching football for 25 years. He was well known for his “EZ little quizzes,” quips with Lance, passion for coaching and infamous description of a Gilles hot fudge sundae.

Gary and Marilynn were married more than 60 years and made a wonderful life in Johnson Creek, Wis., where they purchased their home and farm in 1968. It was there they proudly raised their four children and polled Hereford cattle. Gary would travel more than 40 miles one-way for 43 years to teach and coach at WISCO.

Throughout the years, Gary was known for his honesty, integrity and willingness to get breeders started with registered polled Hereford cattle. Gary and Marilynn were members of the Wisconsin Polled Hereford Association. He served in various leadership positions and later was honored in the association’s Hall of Fame. He enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren raise cattle and show in the Jefferson County Fair and Wisconsin State Fair.



**Gary Reinke**

Gary is survived by his loving wife, Marilynn; his four children; and 10 grandchildren, including his daughter and family, Rachelanne (Roger) Dobson, Annah and Connor; son and family, Matthew (Laura) Reinke, Samantha, Joshua and Daniel; son and family, David (Kristina) Reinke, Megan, Alyssa and Alex; and son and family, Nathan (Olivia) Reinke, Levi and Theodore.

**Daniel “Danny” Stephens**, 80, Sharpsburg, Ill., passed Feb. 19.

He was born on April 26, 1944, in Taylorville, Ill., the son of Howard and Clair Stephens. He married Frances DeClerck in 1964 in Taylorville, and they later divorced. He then married Marilyn Schleef-Linder in 1991 in Taylorville. Danny attended schools in Taylorville and graduated from Taylorville High School with the Class of 1962.

He was a farmer who owned Stephens Hereford Farm, raising crops and cattle. He also sold and serviced trailers through his trailer business. He was a people-person who enjoyed being a vendor at the Beef Expo, the Illinois State Fair and the Half Century of Progress Show. He was very devoted to his family and loved watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow. He loved spending time in Colorado and watching sports and old westerns on TV. He had served on the Christian County Fair Board and the Edinburg School Board. He was a scorekeeper for Edinburg basketball games for many years. He was a Taylorville FFA alumni.

Danny is survived by his wife: Marilynn Stephens of Sharpsburg, Ill.; children: Mark Stephens (Terri France) of Taylorville; Mike (Michelle) Stephens of Edinburg, Ill.; Shelly (Dave) Cappellin of Taylorville; Jenni (Josh) Sedlock of LeRoy, Ill.; Cliff Linder of Springfield, Ill.; grandchildren: Kayla (Kyle) Anderson, Katie (Ryan) Womack, Morgan Stephens (Tyler Neighbours), Garrett Stephens (fiancée Abby Boggs), Kent Girard, Carter Cappellin, Sidney Sedlock, and Lindie Sedlock; great-



**Danny Stephens**

grandchildren: Beckham Anderson, Ava Anderson, Ella Womack and Tate Womack; sister, Bonnie Leach; and niece, Kerri (Pat) Krell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter-in-law, Chris Stephens; and brother-in-law, Lyman Leach.

## In the News

### Missouri Livestock Judging Team Headed to Scotland



The Clinton County Livestock Judging Team.

The Clinton County Livestock Judging Team — the Plattsburg Hustlers 4-H Club — earned the opportunity to attend the Royal Highland Show in Edinburgh, Scotland, in June.

Team members are Payton Rodgers, Paisley Nelson, Jorja Ebert, Beau Ann Graves, and Sam Jordan. Ebert and Graves are members of the National Junior Hereford Association. Team coaches are Cody Sloan and Shane Bedwell, American Hereford Association COO and director of breed improvement.

The team won the 2024 Missouri Livestock Judging Contest, then traveled to the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Ky., where they placed third in the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest.

The Royal Highland Show is an annual agricultural showcase. Eligible 4-H and FFA teams from across the United States can compete in a judging contest at the farm show, as well as tour farms and historic sites to learn more about local agricultural practices and history. **HW**