

# From the Field

## In Passing



Shane Alder

**Norman "Shane" Alder**, 52, Melba, Idaho, passed Nov. 19, 2025.

Shane was born Sept. 13, 1973, in Nampa, Idaho, to

Norman Craig Alder and Kathryn Etta (Rosier) Alder. He grew up in Melba as the second of six children, and he learned the values of hard work, service and faith. At 13 years old, he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, which was a testament to his dedication and determination.

He graduated from Melba High School and later attended Utah State University (USU), where he earned a bachelor's degree in animal science. While at USU, he met Becky, the love of his life, in a church group. The couple married Nov. 7, 1988, in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Salt Lake City Temple.

Shane returned to his hometown to work the land he loved. As a farmer and rancher, he poured his heart into caring for his crops, cattle and community. He also served as a board member for Farm Bureau, advocating for agriculture and those who depend on it.

As a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Shane served a two-year mission in Dallas, Texas. The experience shaped his compassion and strengthened his testimony. At the time of his passing, he was serving as the first counselor in the Warren Spur Ward bishopric, where he blessed many lives with his kindness, patience and example.

Shane had many talents and passions including flying, hunting, working with cows and music. He loved occasionally playing the piano and guitar, and he would often sing in a men's group at church. He was able to obtain his pilot's license just prior to a second cancer diagnosis. He was a beloved

husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend, known for his ever-present smile, quick wit, gentle humor and unwavering desire to help those around him. He was selfless, supportive and endlessly patient.

Shane is survived by his devoted wife, Becky; parents, Norman and Kathryn; and children, Madyson (Ryan) Treasure, Carson, Conner, and Maycee Alder. He is also remembered by his siblings and extended family. He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, John (Heidi) Robert Parish.



Richard Dvorak

**Richard Dean Dvorak**, 83, Lake Andes, S.D., passed Jan. 7.

Richard's life was marked by service, storytelling and a deep connection to the land

he called home. He was a lifelong Christian and devoted family man.

Born Dec. 6, 1942, in Wagner, S.D., Richard grew up with strong country roots. He began his education in a one-room schoolhouse and graduated from Ravinia High School in 1960. He was proud to be a Ravinia Bear, where he played quarterback for the football team and ran track. The best part of high school was meeting his sweetheart, Darlene Johnson. Richard said he chased her until she finally gave in. They have many memories of going dancing and roller skating with friends at Rest Haven.

Shortly after graduation, he answered the call to serve his country by joining the U.S. Army. Before being stationed in Germany as a tank mechanic, he married the love of his life, Darlene, May 5, 1962. Both he and Darlene cherished the time they had together as newlyweds in Germany, and the grandkids loved to hear Grandpa tell the story of how Grandma traveled across the world on her own to be with him and somehow it all worked out.

After returning home from the Army, Richard embraced the life of a farmer and rancher — a role he cherished throughout his life. He was proud to be the only member of the Dvorak family in his generation to stay and work the land. His sons eventually joined him and together they expanded the farm and ranch. In 2022 Dvorak Herefords was honored as the South Dakota Hereford Breeder of the Year.

When Jeff and Boyd completely took over the farm and ranch operations, Richard retired but continued to play an active role, working with his boys and "supervising" the farm and ranch. Richard was a man of the land. Whether overseeing harvests or tending livestock, Richard found purpose and fulfillment in working the land. Even in his final days he reminded us God is in the hills.

Richard's family was his greatest joy. As the kids and grandkids were growing up, he rarely missed a ball game, concert or event. Being proud of each of them, he would tease that one day he would shout from the stands, "That's my boy!" or "That's my girl!" All the kids and most of the grandkids took driving lessons from Richard in his 1940s Willys Jeep. While he was hesitant to say, "I love you," his actions showed everyone he loved deeply.

Richard was a devoted member of East Lake Andes Lutheran Church. His faith was central to his life, and he served on the church council, taught Sunday school, and helped care for "God's Acres," contributing both time and heart to his congregation. A man of deep faith, he was often called on to lead prayers and devotions for family and community gatherings.

He had an extraordinary gift for friendship and humor. Known for telling stories and jokes that could light up any room, Richard was a friend to everyone he met. Mornings often began with what he

fondly called “therapy” — sharing coffee with friends while exchanging laughs and wisdom. He also enjoyed attending auctions with his friend, Dick Crabtree, where he delighted in finding unique oddities to add to his collection — each item with its own story waiting to be told. Later in life, he took up writing poetry and would often share at special events such as class reunions and birthdays. To have Richard write you a poem was a special treat.

Finally, Richard was active as a leader in his community, from 4-H to the American Legion and more. He was most proud of having served on the Charles Mix Electric Co-op board of directors for more than 20 years and nine years as president. He also served for many years on the Wagner Farmer’s Co-op Association board.

Richard is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Darlene; children, Jeff (Tiphany) of Lake Andes, S.D., Boyd (Jenni) of Pickstown, S.D., Laura (Dave) Livermore of Forest Lake, Minn., and Tara (Eric) Weeman of Chamberlain, S.D.; 12 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and two more great-grandchildren on the way. His legacy lives on through them in their memories of shared laughter, lessons learned on the farm and stories passed down around the card table.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Grace (Harris) Dvorak; many aunts and uncles; brother, Robert J. Dvorak; and sister, Evelyn Hawley.

Richard lived a full life rooted in faith, family, friendship and farming. May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him and continue to inspire all who carry his legacy forward.



**Edna Elizabeth Rogers Harrell**, 88, Baker City, Ore., passed Jan. 14.

Edna was born April 24, 1937, in Rye, N.Y., to Mildred Fay Stuchell Rogers and John Beresford Rogers. The first 14 months of her life were spent at Highland Hall in Rye while her father worked for National City Bank of New York.

July 4, 1938, the family returned to Baker City, Ore., living with her grandparents until their family home was completed.

Edna attended Tiedemann Grade School, Baker Junior High School and Baker High School. She was elected class secretary during her junior year, made the honor roll and was active in Rainbow Girls and church activities, including playing piano for Sunday school. Family life included fishing trips to the Blue Mountains and the Oregon Coast. At age 9, Edna began horseback riding and caring for the family’s horses, Peanuts and Colonel, who were used for riding and winter sleigh rides.

Edna’s roots in Baker Valley extended back four generations to her Oregon Trail pioneer great-grandparents who homesteaded in the area in 1870. Her family’s legacy in Baker County included gold mining, banking and ranching. She was proud of her pioneer heritage and lived her entire life in Baker City.

Edna graduated from the University of Oregon in 1959 and married her high school sweetheart, Bob Harrell. They spent six years in the U.S. Air Force, during which time their three children were born — Beth, Bob Jr. and Linda. In 1965, the family returned to Baker City, where Bob began flying for Pan American Airlines. In 1970, they purchased their first ranch property and established Harrell Hereford Ranch, sourcing their foundation cattle from TT Herefords in Connell, Wash., and the Stone Ranch Dispersal in Hermiston, Ore.

As her children were growing up, Edna was deeply involved in youth and community activities, serving as a Girl Scout leader, 4-H leader, and junior Hereford association advisor. She was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, PEO Sisterhood Chapter AX, Salvation Army board and Baker Family YMCA board. Her involvement in the cattle industry included membership in the Baker County Cattlewomen’s Association, Oregon Washington Northern Idaho Hereford Association, Oregon Cattlemen’s Association, and American Hereford Association (AHA), where she served on the AHA

Auxiliary board of directors. In 2009, Harrell Hereford Ranch was honored with the Beef Improvement Federation Seedstock Producer of the Year Award, recognizing excellence across all cattle breeds.

After her divorce in 1987, Edna continued operating the ranch alongside her son, Bob Jr., and daughter, Beth Mackenzie. She remained closely involved in bull selection, breeding decisions, calving, herd health and marketing. She was grateful for the dedication of her children and their spouses and took great pride in the family’s cattle and horse programs. The ranch’s annual bull sale, held the first Monday in March, was especially meaningful to her. She often was found greeting customers from the auctioneer’s booth or stands, warmly welcoming friends old and new. This year’s sale marked the 47th annual event, and her presence was deeply missed.

In later years, Edna focused her energy on her family and ranch. She enjoyed brandings, keeping the ranch books, tending her yard and garden and delivering apples, pears, corn, honey, jams and baked goods to friends, family and neighbors. She delighted in attending every activity her grandchildren participated in — 4-H, sports, rodeo, skiing, school events and family trips to the coast. She loved touring the ranch in the side-by-side, huckleberry picking along the road, playing Skip-Bo, sharing jokes and ensuring no visitor ever left her home without cookies or homemade bread.

Edna had a wicked sense of humor and demonstrated remarkable resilience following a stroke in 2012. She was admired for her strength, grace and ability to face adversity without losing her love for life or devotion to others.

A loyal and generous citizen, Edna believed deeply in giving back to the community that had given so much to her family. Recognizing many local children lacked resources to participate in sports, camps and 4-H, she established the Edna Rogers Harrell Community Children’s Fund, formalizing her lifelong habit of quietly helping others. She often said it was her responsibility to

*continued on page 96...*

repay what she and her family had received and expressed deep gratitude for being able to live in such a special community.

Edna was a devoted mother of three, a proud grandmother of five, a soon-to-be great-grandmother, and a generous benefactress to her community.

She is survived by her children, Beth (Wannie) Mackenzie, Bob Jr. (Becky), and Linda (Walt) Anderson; five grandchildren; Duncan (Logan) Mackenzie, Lexie Harrell, Maggie Mackenzie (Corwyn) Werner, Matt and Marti Anderson; and special friend, John Wagner.



**Jack Arlen Lewis, 84,** Holt, Mo., passed Jan. 17.

Jack was born Dec. 17, 1941, to Howard Russell and Pearl Edith (Lohman) Lewis

in North Kansas City, Mo., where he graduated from high school in 1959. He was an active Boy Scout, earning Eagle Scout, and a member of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Jack attended Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Neb., and graduated in 1963 with his bachelor's degree in history and political science. From there he went on to teach history and coach high school tennis at the Iowa State Juvenile Home in Toledo, Iowa, for five years. He married Alicia Jo Conner in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Aug. 10, 1966.

Jack then decided to pursue law and attended the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. He was a member of the Law Review and Delta Theta Phi, graduating in 1972. He established the Jack A. Lewis Law Firm in 1975 and retired in 2023. Jack was an active member of the Clay County Bar Association, Missouri Bar Association and a 50-year member of Kiwanis, holding several offices and committee chairmanships numerous times. He was also a member of the American Polled Hereford Association, AHA, and Missouri Hereford Association, where he was a director for District One and a member of the hall of fame, the National Cattlemen's

Beef Association, Missouri Cattlemen's Association and I-35 Cattlemen's Association. Jack loved to travel and had visited all 50 states, Mexico, England, Scotland, Canada, Australia and most recently, Ireland, with his daughter. He liked to fish and would go on trips with friends to Canada, Texas, Cabo, South Carolina, Alaska and, of course, the Niangua River in Missouri.

Jack attended and exhibited at every Missouri State Fair and American Royal for 30 years, from 1981 to 2022. He attended 20 national junior Hereford and polled Hereford shows across the country, first, with daughter, Katherine, and then with his grandson, Conner. He loved being in the show barn — he considered everyone family and enjoyed making his way around to talk to everyone.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; brother, James Russell Lewis; and aunts, uncles and grandparents. Jack is survived by his wife of 59 years, Alicia; daughter, Katherine (James) Fuller of Cameron, Mo.; grandson, Conner Jackson Bolch of Las Vegas, Nev.; nephews, Gabriel Conner and Mitchell Lewis; nieces, Gretchen Keller and Elaine Conner; and his dedicated secretary of more than 25 years, Tammy West.

Known for his goofy laugh and sense of humor, he will be missed by many.



**Richard Yost**

**Richard Vernon Yost, 79,** Columbus, Neb., passed Jan. 18.

Richard was born Jan. 3, 1947, in Hastings, Neb., to Vernon and Nelda

June (Statz) Yost. He was baptized and confirmed in the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Sutton, Neb.

Richard graduated from Ong High School in 1965, where his early years were filled with baseball, showing cattle, and 4-H; interests that shaped the rest of his life. He attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Central Community College in Hastings before returning to what he loved most — farming and raising cattle. He was a lifelong member of the AHA and a member of the Platte Valley Cattlemen Association.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Nelda Yost; brother, Robert Yost; and wife, Diane Weverka.

He is survived by his daughter, Camelle (Eric) Kinney; his son, Chad (Tracy) Yost; and his three grandsons, Kyson Kinney, Quintin Yost and Silas Yost, who were a great source of pride. Additionally, he is survived by his sister-in-law, Donna Yost Buller; and three nephews, Eric (Andrea) Yost, Kyle (Teresa) Yost and Jonathan (Stacey) Yost. He is also survived by his first wife, Jeanine Yost.



**Jim Bob Nelson**

**James "Jim Bob" Boyd Nelson Jr., 83,** Plano, Texas, passed Jan. 21.

Jim Bob was born June 22, 1942, in Oklahoma City, Okla.

He was the son of James Boyd Nelson Sr. and Nina Louise (Burns) Nelson, who preceded him in death, along with his sister, Mary Beth Olin.

Jim graduated from Geary High School in 1960, where he lettered in football, wrestling and baseball. He attended Oklahoma State University (OSU), where he pursued his passion for wrestling and was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He furthered his education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University where he received a bachelor of science degree. Jim taught and coached from 1966-1972. Jim also proudly served as an Oklahoma Army Reserves Signal Corpsman.

Jim was married to Sharron Ward Reeves, mother of Jay and Angie, from 1966-1989.

In 1982, Jim founded North Preston Properties and retired in 2023 at the young age of 80. He was a respected leader in the commercial real estate industry for more than 40 years. From coaching to teaching to brokering real estate deals, Jim Bob was an entrepreneur at heart and was often referred to as one of Collin County's movers and shakers.

Jim served on numerous boards and organizations, including Collin County Community College; the American Cancer Society; the Rotary Club, where he served as president; various political campaigns, and the Hendrick Scholarship Foundation.

He was a longtime member of Christ United Methodist Church in Plano. Jim was also a proud member of the AHA and operated a successful cattle business in both Texas and Oklahoma. Jim was a founding member of Gleneagles Country Club, established in 1985. Gleneagles was the scene of real estate deals, rounds of golf and exaggerated stories told in the men's locker room.

Jim is survived by his significant other, Betty Jane Brame, whom he had been going steady with for more than 30 years; son, Jay Nelson, and his wife, Brooke, and their three daughters, Riley, Montgomerie and Sawyer; his daughter, Angie Telfer, and her husband, Matt; and Betty Jane's daughter, Dr. Cory Brame McGuire, her husband, Dr. Desmond McGuire, and granddaughter, Kendall.

Jim's passions included OSU football, anyone playing against the University of Oklahoma, real estate, cattle and attending his granddaughters' activities. He was a real estate broker by trade, but a cowboy at heart.



**Christy Benigno**

**Christy Ann Benigno**, 66, Kansas City, Mo., passed Jan. 26.

Born March 16, 1959, in St. Louis, Mo., Chris lived a life marked by joy, love and laughter. She was a beloved wife, daughter, sister, aunt and friend who brought light to everyone who was fortunate enough to know her.

After growing up in St. Louis, Chris loved talking to other St. Louis natives about the Cardinals or some of her favorite restaurants in town. She later moved to Springfield, Mo., to attend Missouri State University, before eventually ending up in the Kansas City area. No matter where she was, Chris always enjoyed going for walks, exploring new places, watching different types of sporting events and cooking her mother's recipes for friends and family. Chris also enjoyed being with her faithful furry companions, Scooter and Bella.

Throughout Chris's life, she had a variety of careers. While in Springfield, she helped others as respiratory

therapist. After moving to the Kansas City area, she became a graphic design artist and spent 20 years with multiple trade magazine companies — including more than 15 years with *Hereford World* — until retiring in 2021.

Throughout her retirement, she loved studying genealogy, having a drink and spending time with family. Chris was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Chris is survived by her wife, Shirley Wingo; her father, Salvatore (Barb) Benigno; her siblings, Sheila (Gary) Diepenbrock and Matt (Marie) Benigno; her sisters-in-law, Rhonda Connor and Janice Benigno; and her nieces and nephews, Jaclyn (Aron Cowsert) Benigno, Juliet (Tom) Beltz, Lindsey (Ryan) Adams, Alex (Carolyn) Connor and Emily (Jacob) West. She is also survived by several great-nieces and nephews, who will forever cherish her smile, kindness, humor and strength.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Billie Benigno; her sister, Connie Valliere; and her brother, Rick Benigno. **HW**

# Private Treaty Open House

Sunday, APRIL 12, 2026 • At the Ranch

## 28 Head of Performance Tested Bulls Sell



**CORKS EMERALD 2381 ET**  
P44532813 | Calved: 9/2/2023



CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	M&G	MCE
-0.3	2.4	58	92	0.3	1.1	15.1	37	66	0.3
MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMI\$	BI\$	CH\$
83	1.30	1.50	82	-0.006	0.60	0.06	350	419	130



**CORKS ON DEMAND 2467 ET**  
P44693619 | Calved: 10/3/2024

CE	BW	WW	YW	DMI	SC	SCF	MM	M&G	MCE
6.2	0.1	53	74	0.0	1.1	23.0	32	58	1.8
MCW	UDDR	TEAT	CW	FAT	REA	MARB	BMI\$	BI\$	CH\$
71	1.40	1.40	58	0.034	0.43	0.21	445	525	108



3979 Lawrence 2145  
Wentworth, MO 64873  
Aiden Kleinman 417-385-8121  
Kevin 417-850-5676  
corkcattle3104@gmail.com

HPI