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## **Canadian Angus Association Honours the Hughes Family of Tafika Angus and John Urquhart of Bramblebrook Ventures for 50 Years of Membership**

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**Rocky View County, AB**—Two BC families were honoured for 50 consecutive years of membership in the Canadian Angus Association over the Labour Day weekend. Congratulations to the Hughes family of Tafika Angus and John Urquhart of Bramblebrook Ventures.

Wayne, Gillian and Bryce Hughes own and operate Tafika Angus. As a family operation, Wayne and Gillian, in partnership with their son Bryce and his wife Jody, play integral roles in the day-to-day operations of the farm. They have spent the past 50 years working diligently to produce livestock that can thrive and perform in all conditions. Located near Lumby, BC at the edge of the Monashee Mountains, Tafika Angus is home to approximately 250 purebred Black Angus females.

Tafika's breeding program has been built on the foundation of creating cattle that can work for anyone, anywhere. This herd has also been heavily influenced by an extensive A.I. program. The Hughes host the "Angus Advantage Bull Sale" each spring at the BC Livestock Co-op Yards. In March, they will host their 18<sup>th</sup> annual sale.

John Urquhart bought his first Black Angus cattle from Alex Turner of Turner Meadows on Vancouver Island. The purchase consisted of 30 females. In 1972, Red Angus were added. The last of the red cattle were sold last month, leaving a small herd of Black Angus cows to be cared for.

Urquhart was active in the BC Angus Association for 12 years as a director and also served as vice president. He is the current president of the Fraser Valley Angus Club. He was a member of the RCMP for 23 years. Following his retirement from the force he was the coroner in Chilliwack for 14 years. Urquhart has always been generous with his time for the cattle business as well as being involved in his community.

John and Betty (deceased in 1995) were host to many Angus events throughout the Fraser valley. For many years a Chilliwack Fair did not happen without a brunch at the Urquhart's. Today with his wife Barbara, John is still a great host. He is also one of the best raconteurs of the breed.

The Canadian Angus Association offers sincere congratulations to the Hughes family of Tafika Angus and John Urquhart of Bramblebrook Ventures. It is because of the dedication of individuals and families like these that the agriculture industry continues to be an important sector in our nation today.

The Canadian Angus Association instituted a long-term recognition award program in 1998 to honour individuals and families that have demonstrated a long-term commitment to the Angus breed in Canada by maintaining a continuous membership in the Association for at least 50 years. In 2011, the award program expanded to recognize families with 75 and 100 continuous years of membership.

The Canadian Angus Association is Canada's largest purebred beef breed organization. The Association represents more than 2,000 members across Canada for the purposes of registering and recording the pedigrees of purebred Angus cattle in the closed HerdBook and promoting the breed across Canada. The member-approved mandate is to maintain breed registry, breed purity and provide services that enhance the growth and position of the Angus breed.



*BC Angus Association director and past president Lance Savage presents John Urquhart with an award for 50 years of consecutive membership in the Canadian Angus Association*



*Wayne Hughes receives an award for 50 years of consecutive membership in the Canadian Angus Association from Senior Director of Business Development BC/AB Brian Good.*

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