

JACK AND ELAINE SWAN

SWAN, STUD NO. 30.



IN 2008 THE Board of Directors resolved unanimously to award much-deserved life memberships to Jack and Elaine Swan.

Jack and Elaine played a major role in the ongoing development of the Droughtmaster breed through the Swan genetics and the support given to breeders and their Society, so it was appropriate their contribution be recognised through life membership.

Unfortunately, Elaine passed away before the award could be bestowed upon her.

The following precis of the Swan's family's involvement with the breed highlights the length and depth of their contribution:

- The Swan herd (No. 30) was founded in 1961 on Brahman/Shorthorn cows mated to Strathfield and Wallace Vale sires with selected cows bought in from Mungalla, Glen Ruth, Meadowbank and Avondale.
- Significant achievements included: Grand Champion Bull in Brisbane 1972 with Swan Wisdom, record price at Rockhampton in 1973 when Swan Prince sold to Professor Francis (Vet School Stud) for \$15,500, Grand Champion at 1978 Rockhampton Feature Show with Swan Rabbi, Grand Champion at the 1991 Brisbane Ekka with Swan Classic and Grand Champion at Beef 1994 with Swan Swagger.
- First on-property sale in 1976 and the sale continued to 1995.
- Elaine was Central Zone Director and served on the Board from 1975 - 1980 and from 1986 to 1991.
- Jack and Elaine provided many cattle for shows and field days, especially during the beef depression in the mid-1970s when interest and willingness to promote the breed was at a low ebb.
- Elaine was a very competent and willing judge and judged many shows, feature shows, the Brisbane Exhibition and Beef 2000.

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- The Swan herd was vigorously and uncompromisingly selected for fertility and type over the years with the result that the strength and depth of breeding has made a major contribution to the pedigrees of many Droughtmaster herds.

In 1995 Jack and Elaine sold the Swan prefix/herd to Brett Nobbs, Cungelella who continued to make great impact on the breed under Cungelella Swan until the dispersal of the herd in 2000.

Jack and Elaine were always willing to assist the Society and new breeders with their time and expertise and broad knowledge, which have been a great resource for people genuinely interested in breeding.

Jack passed on in 2011.

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