

Lyle Laird

Well-known Fife farmer, Lyle Laird has died, aged 80, after an illness lasting several months.

He came to Lochhead Farm on the Wemyss Estate, in Fife as a one year old, after his parents moved there from a farm near Kilmacolm, in Renfrewshire.

Latterly, he farmed with two of his sons, Donald and Billy, and was never happier than when in the show ring. The family are strong supporters of British Blonde Cattle and regularly supported many local shows. They also had some outstanding success at the Royal Highland Show.

But Lyle had a very active life outwith the farm, especially with NFU Scotland, of which he was a great supporter, he was also chairman of Fife and Kinross apprenticeship committee, a careers service consultant and a member of Coaltown of Wemyss school board.

An elder of Dysart Church, he also became involved with healthcare and was treasurer of the Leven branch of St Columba's Hospice and on the board of Abbeyfield Home, in Kirkcaldy, where he was a patient at the time of his death.

Mr Laird was predeceased by his first wife Jean in 1997 and married Margaret, who survives him, along with his four sons, Donald, Billy, Lyle and Joseph.