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[Michael McIntosh, Ottumwa](#)

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OTTUMWA — Michael McIntosh is a former Shakespeare professor turned freelance writer. In the course of 30-odd years, he has written 29 books about guns, sporting and wildlife art, natural history and travel, including three volumes of “Shotguns and Shooting,” “Best Guns,” “A.H. Fox,” “Wild Things” and “Traveler’s Tales.” His articles, too many to count, have been published in every sporting magazine in the United States and Britain. He has been a “Sporting Classics” columnist for the past 25 years and also serves as shooting editor for “Shooting Sportsman.” His first novel, “The Dogmen,” published in 2009, is about tracking down and stopping dogfighting.

McIntosh was born and raised in Ottumwa and graduated from Ottumwa High School. He received a bachelor’s degree in English from Iowa Wesleyan College, a master’s from the University of Iowa and studied at Princeton University and UCLA.

Surviving are his wife, Connie Cross of Pella; and his stepchildren, Aaron Cross and Jason Cross of St. Cloud, Minn., and Bethany Wyatt of Missouri.

A memorial service will be at a later date.

The Pella Garden Chapel Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

*“Home is the sailor, home from the sea, and the hunter home from the hill.”*