

Bob and Sue Kinsinger

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Bob Kinsinger grew up in Kalona, Iowa. When he was 8, he started working at the Kalona Sales Barn which was owned by the Mullet family. Bob grew up around hackney ponies at the Mullet Stables, Kalona, Iowa. When he turned 10, he started hanging out at the stables that was run by Gary Mullet. Two years later, he was going to horse shows, cleaning harness, buggies, and carts working for Dene Mullet. At 15, Bob was grooming horses for Dene and went with him to work for Carol Smith Shannon. When he was 17, Bob started working for Gib Marcucci at the Iowa State Fair. He worked for Gib for over 3 years. His next positions were at Lornador Farm followed by Art Birtcher's Rancho de Dios with Bill Robinson. After returning to Kalona, Bob ran a boarding stable at Mullet Stables. In 1977, he moved to Ankeny and worked for Bob and Marge Hollet's Farm and Stables.

Sue Montgomery Kinsinger grew up in Washington, Illinois. Her family showed Shetland ponies at county fairs and the Illinois State Fair. She showed in 4-H for 9 years. When she got her driver's license, Sue worked at the Heart of Illinois Fair as the secretary for the pony show. This was her summer job for eight years. One summer, she worked at the Illinois State Fair as the ring secretary.

In 1976, Bob and Sue met at the Heart of Illinois Fair. Gib Marcucci sent Bob with a pony to show. Sue was working in the office. After dating for three years, they were married in July of 1979.

Bob and Sue stayed at Hollets' until November of 1982 when Bob and Marge retired from showing ponies.. Their next home was at Ron and Barb Canopy's Meadowlane Farm. Bob was the farm manager. Brad was born in 1983 and Nick in 1986.

During Bob's career, he had the privilege to work with: Carnation King, Jubilee's Jet Flight, Top Hat, Last Edition, Reputation, Apollo Sand, King's Fanfare, Mr. Terrific, Tijuana Princess, May Day King, Show Me Too, Laser Light, and many others.

Bob and Sue moved to Riverside, Iowa, in May 1991. They were actively involved with the boys showing ponies in 4-H and FFA. Bob and the boys showed hackney ponies at the Iowa State Fair. In 1993, Bob and Sue began their involvement with the Mid-States Horse and Pony Show. Sue was the secretary for the horse show. Bob worked as the ring man. They have continued in these positions, as well as, being a part of the show committee. The Mid-States Show has been a fun family project for: Bob, Sue, Brad, Nick, Jill, Shay, Macy, and Ainsley Kinsinger.

The love of the horse/pony business continues in the family. Brad serves as Horse Show Announcer for many horse shows. Nick is assistant trainer for Bob and Tonya Brison's, Fairview Farm, New Bloomfield, Mo. Shay and Macy are learning to ride and drive.

Bob and Sue are members of the Iowa Horse Show Association and Mid-America Hackney Association. Their experiences, in the horse business, have given them life-long friends and amazing memories. Thank you to the Iowa Horseman's Hall of Fame for this honor.