

Growing up in rural Fort Dodge, Iowa you could always find Sandy riding with friends on the weekends, this started a life long love of horses, which she passed onto her two sons, Scott and Kent. The boys showed at the County Fair, State Fair, and many area IHSA shows. When the family sent their Arabian to Linda Lust Stables, it was soon decided that a Saddlebred would best suit Kent as a equitation mount. Wing's Pleasure, better know as "Hoss", was purchased and this team went on to win several equitation championships. As a show horse mom Sandy, was the one who drove the truck and trailer every weekend and was also the groom and of coarse the cheerleader. A few years later a beautiful gelding named G.S.L.'S I'M A PEPPER was paired with Kent by Linda and owner Karen Knaak, this team clicked and went on to achieve great success in the equitation and show pleasure division, showing all over the Midwest. Hoss and Pepper will always hold a special place in Sandy's heart and memories. Kent is now the owner and trainer of Glendale Stables, in Columbia Mo. Scott's interest turned to wrestling and motorcycle's, and he later joined the US Army of which he has retired with 20 years of service.

Sandy was a board member for the Jasper Co. Saddle Club for several years and has served on the board of the Iowa American Saddlebred Association at different times, she is a 2015 IHSA adult sportsmanship award recipient, and a member of the Iowa Horse show Assoc., Iowa American Saddlebred Assoc, United States Equestrian Federation, American Saddlebred Assoc, and the Pinto Horse Assoc. of America. She enjoys working behind the scene at shows from arranging the catering for a exhibitor party, decorating center ring, to doing entries, or ordering ribbons and handing them out at the shows with her good friend Karen. Sandy is the currant Vice President of SIERA, and is on the executive committee of the Des Moines Springfest Horse Show. Retiring from Hy-Vee with 40 years, in the accounting dept. you can find her helping at shows and showing her western horse The Top Spot. Sandy would like to thank her family, especially her husband Dennis, and her friends for all their help, and a sincere thank you to the Iowa Horsemen's Hall of Fame for this prestigious honor.