Judith McDonough Douds, Iowa

Judith (Judy) began showing ponies when she was six year old. She rode her black Shetland, Playboy, bareback and won the blue ribbon. As a teenager she carried the Douds Saddle Club banner riding a quarter horse. At this age she showed her horse in pleasure and reining classes. She and her mare, Lady, ran pole bending and always placed well as a barrel racer. Judy loved every minute of being with her horses.

Twenty-eight (28) years ago Judy bought her first Modern American Shetland from Bob and June Masters of Nebraska City, Nebraska. Rangemore Mastercraft Susan was a top harness pony placing in Saddle and Bridle's top ten ponies in the United States. Judy and daughter Ann showed Susie in harness and their first Hackney pony, Rosebud Acres, as a roadster pony. Ann presented her road pony at the American Royal with a fourth place finish. Son, Tom, once beat his mother in the Iowa State Fair harness class driving Susie. He rode 43" Paul Revere in 4-H classes and in open classes at the Iowa State Fair. As the family showed ponies across the Mid West from Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio husband and Dad spent most of the time holding down the home fort while the rest of the family traveled with the ponies.

Judy served many years as the Area VI Shetland Pony Club secretary and treasurer. She has been a member of the National Shetland Pony Club, Mid-America Hackney Association, Southeast Iowa English Riding Association (SIERA) Club, Iowa Horse Show Association, American Hackney Horse Association, and the American Horse Show Association.

Judy began showing ponies at the 1976 lowa State Fair and the family has many fond memories of their show experiences. Judy currently owns the Iowa Horse Shows champion Hackney roadster pony and reserve champion pleasure pony.

Judy is department head of the Fairfield High School special education department and will be back in Fairfield in the morning for an 8:00 a.m. meeting.

Thank you to all of my family and friends for the continued support through the years.