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Iowa Horseman's Hall of Fame

As a youngster growing up I had the fortune of being in a saddlebred family. Both of my parents were actively showing such great horses as Denmark's Rocket, Society Ace, War Zone, In Person and Martha's Rex A. Appreciation of great show horses was instilled in me at an early age. I still remember my very first show horse, big black mare named Ellen Margret, who was as good a teacher of horsemanship as any person could be. As a teenager I expanded my experience to western horses training and showing Appaloosa and Quarter horses in halter, western pleasure and reining. While attending college in Sioux City, Iowa I had the opportunity to work for and learn from the noted parade horse trainer Bob Taylor. This was the start of my education in preparing horses for amateur owners to ride and show. 1970 saw the start of my training stable, Piney Knoll Farm, in Harlan, Iowa. With the aid of many of the one night horse shows and support of my father I was able to establish myself as a trainer of young horses and match horses to riders and coach them to the best of their ability. Though saddlebreds were my first love I trained and showed Arabian, Morgans Appaloosas and Quarter horses with much success winning at regional and world championship shows and earning many national points. Besides my training and breeding program I devoted much time and effort to the Iowa Horse Shows Association serving as a director, vice president and president as well as being a project leader of a local horse 4-H club. 1990 saw the closing of my stable in Harlan and venture into other endeavors but always keeping active in the horse business. Judging multi-breed shows and superintendent of the 1993 Iowa State Fair plus helping with Dakota Fall Classic in Sioux Falls SD along with raising foals kept me doing what I loved to do, working with horses and horse people. This year I am back in the saddle, training and showing horse as I have opened PKF Training Center in Omaha NE. and now accepting horses for all phases of training and showing. The highlights of my career were watching my young horses do well and my riders winning blue ribbons. The best thing about being in this business for many years is, undoubtedly, all the good friends I have made and the good horses I have had an opportunity to work with. Thank you all very much for your friendship, support, and this honor that I am receiving tonight...