

Iowa Horsemen's Hall of Fame

Barry Yount Induction 2005

Barry's interest in horses and show competition began at an early age. His first show experience starting at age nine was showing a hackney pony under saddle. At about the same time he drove his father's harness pony in a event called the "Fancy Turnout", which featured a young gentlemen and a young lady formally dressed riding in a specially designed viceroy to show off the lady's formal gown.

At thirteen Barry started a very successful junior exhibitor and equitation rider career with his three gaited horse, Gay Sensation. He took a break from horse show competition to become involved in several high school sports. His success in football earned him an athletic scholarship to Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa.

Upon graduation from Simpson, Barry taught, coached, and was an administrator in the Des Moines Public Schools.

Barry returned to showing horses and ponies, along with his daughters Deb and Darcy from their stable in Altoona. He become one of the top farriers in the Midwest. In addition to operating a public stable, horse transportation was added to his list of services.. Barry was instrumental in maintaining the continuation and success of the Des Moines Spring Horse Show. Barry, his family, and clients supported and participated in shows throughout the Midwest as well as the major locations in Kentucky.

In 1997, Barry relocated Barry Yount Horse Services to Cave Creek, Arizona. He brought his farrier experience and transportation services to the Arizona and California area. Barry and his wife Teri, developed a strong lesson program along with a growing training and showing business.

Barry is a link in the chain of five generations of the Yount family showing at the Iowa State Fair Horse Show. Barry's grandfather, father (Wilbur Yount), Barry, daughter (Deb), and granddaughter (Jade) have all competed in the State Fair Horse Show.

Barry lost his battle with cancer on March 11, 2005. A memorial service was held in this arena on April 28, 2005 to celebrate his life and contributions to the horse show industry.

Gary Hollingsworth 2005

Gary Hollingsworth grew up on the farm riding ponies and Quarter horses. In his late teens he began showing American Saddlebred horses with his Dad, Gilbert Hollingsworth. Uptown Commander was raised from one of the Pleasure horses that his Dad, Gib was showing at the time. Uptown Commander was shown through the age of three and then retired to be a full time stallion. Gary and his Dad showed numerous Uptown Commander colts in futurities in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, South Dakota, Missouri, Kansas and Wisconsin. In the 1980's Uptown Commander was the number one Futurity Sire in the nation for three consecutive years, until his untimely death. The winning continued with colts from Uptown's Inspiration and Inspiration's Choir Boy.

Hollingsworth Stables have long been known for their beautiful horses. Gary has continued to carry on the family business with dedication and pride. Joining Gary in this is wife Debbie, daughter Torie and 8 year old son J.D. who helped his Dad show the Grand Champion Futurity Yearling at last years Iowa State Fair.

Gary is from rural Ottumwa, the son of Gilbert and the late Marjorie Hollingsworth. He is a fulltime farmer whose hobby is showing American Saddlebred horses. Gary's grandpa, Pat Hollingsworth, along with Gib and Gib's sister Eloise Hauptert have also been inducted into the Iowa State Fair Horse Show Hall of Fame.