

Brenda Butcher

Brenda Butcher, 67, died Nov. 12, 2009, in De Land, Fla., after a battle with cancer.

Born in Elizabethtown, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Vennia Cassavaugh. She married the late Matthew Butcher and settled in Schuylerville, N.Y., where they raised three children, and worked side-by-side, training and racing horses at Saratoga Raceway. Better known as “the Boomer,” she will be remembered for her kindhearted spirit and love of life.

Mrs. Butcher was a member of the Dutch Reform Church, Youth Leader, Harness Horsewomen’s Association, Order of the Eastern Star, and a Girl Scout leader. Her job for Cooperative Extension was also a job of reaching out and enabling people to help themselves.

She is survived by her longtime devoted friend, Ted Hokkanen; sister, Myrna La Bombard; daughters, Vena Reynolds and Jacquie Sheffield; son, Matthew Jr.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Ronald Carson

Smith Ronald Carson, 77, a native of Harrington, Del., and a former Delaware horseman, died Oct. 17, 2009.

He was born Sept. 15, 1932, in Harrington, to the late Major Smith Carson and Catherine Derrickson.

During his summers in high school, he worked with the Olin Davis stable as a groom, and after high school as a second trainer before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force in 1953 during the Korean War.

He often stated that working with the Davis stable, which included the Pennsylvania, Maryland and Roosevelt Raceway circuits, and Hambletonian weeks at Goshen, N.Y., were unforgettable experiences for him as a young man.

Mr. Carson is survived by his daughters, Catherine (Jeffrey) Grzeszczak and Teresa Carson; their mother, Ruthellen; brother, Wayne (Kathleen); and six grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Oct. 28 at Harrington Raceway.

Manuel Castelo Jr.

Manuel “Manny” Castelo Jr., 72, a longtime Standardbred owner and fan of harness racing, died Aug. 9, 2009.

Mr. Castelo owned numerous horses over the years, with his favorite the Western Hanover colt Commit, who raced in the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes as a 2-year-old in 2009.

Mr. Castelo is survived by his wife of 46 years, Leigha; children, Manuel John (Evan) and Marc James (Christine); and four grandchildren, Christian, Kendall, Olivia and Lulu.

Robert Christian Sr.

Robert “Bob” Joseph Christian Sr., 69, of Delmar, Del., died Nov. 2, 2009, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Delmar.

He was born Feb. 26, 1940, in Philadelphia, a son of the late John and Margaret Hollowell Christian.

Mr. Christian loved being around horses and worked as a Standardbred trainer for more than 32 years. He campaigned many of his homebreds in the Delmarva area, which included Walk That Walk, Benarama and Jon Harris. Mr. Christian had a special connection with Walk That Walk. In the pre-slots era in the Delmarva area, Walk That Walk made \$123,347 with a mark of 1:54.1, competing with other open pacers. He also owned such horses as Toy Power and Quit Joshing.

He was an active member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Delmar, the Delmar Kiwanis Club, the Delaware Standardbred Association, the Maryland Cloverleaf Association and the USTA.

Mr. Christian is survived by his wife of 52 years, Phyllis; son, Robert Jr.; grandchildren, Benjamin, Stephanie, Harrison and Jonathan; great-grandson, Robert Davis; brothers, John and James; and a very dear friend, Rhonda Tingle.

Memorial contributions may be made to All Saints Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 88, Delmar, DE 19940.

Ival Cianchette

Ival “Bud” Cianchette, 83, a prominent Maine horseman and former USTA director, died Nov. 5, 2009.

Known for his interests in the Standardbred and construction industries, Mr. Cianchette became involved in harness racing in 1962. He operated a breeding farm in Pittsfield, Maine, from 1973 through 1990, and bred and raced horses such as Chinbro Knoxvel, the winner of the 2-year-old colt division of the Royal Stallion Stakes in 1988.

Mr. Cianchette was elected to the USTA board of directors in 1994 and served until 2007.

He was active with several racing-related organizations, including serving on the Maine Harness Racing Commission from 1970 to 1975, and was its chairman from 1973 to 1975. During his time as chairman he was instrumental in developing the Maine Standardbred Breeders Stakes. He also served as president of the Maine Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association from 1986 through 1989. He was also at one time associated with a group that operated Bangor Raceway.

Mr. Cianchette was elected to the New England Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 2005, and received the Maine Harness Horsemen’s Association Distinguished Citizen Award in 1980. He was presented Maine’s Distinguished Citizen Award in 1988, and was named Maine Business Leader of the Year by the Maine Chamber of Commerce and Industry in 1990.

The “Chinbro” name given to many of his horses stands for “Cianchette Brothers,” reflective of his family’s construction business, founded in 1949 and now known as the Cianbro Companies, of which the flagship company, Cianbro Corporation, specializes in heavy construction projects. The Cianbro Companies have offices in Maine, Connecticut and Maryland, and record \$450 million in sales, annually.

Mr. Cianchette served a term as president of Associated General Contractors, and presided at the association’s presentation of its 1981 Man of the Year Award to President Ronald Reagan. He was also active in politics, having served as a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 2004 along with his son Peter, who ran for governor of Maine in

2002, and later served one year as the U.S. Ambassador to Costa Rica before returning to work for Cianbro in 2009.

Mr. Cianchette and his wife of 57 years, Priscilla, were the parents of one daughter, Susan, and four sons, Thomas, Earle, Mark and Peter.

Charles Coville

Charles Frank Coville, 71, died at his home on Nov. 17, 2009, after battling cancer for a year.

Born on July 20, 1938, in Scotia, N.Y., he was the son of the late David M. and Nellie L. Coville.

Mr. Coville was a fifth-generation horseman and enjoyed a distinguished career in the Standardbred industry. He began in his teens, working as a groom for his father. At 15 he began driving at local fairs including Cobleskill and Altamont fairgrounds. He trained, drove and owned horses from the 1950s to the 1990s. He raced his stable of horses along the East Coast, primarily

at Saratoga Harness, Vernon Downs, Foxboro Raceway, Dover Downs, Pompano Park and Rockingham Park.

Mr. Coville is survived by his wife of 39 years, Pamela; children, Terry Almy, Kelly Colen, Jesse, Charles D., Randall, Bret, Heath, Jennifer Way and Jarrett; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and sisters, Nellie and Etta Schultz. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters.

Charles Essenson

Charles "Charlie" Essenson, 84, a retired horseman and resident of Waldorf, Md., died Oct. 2, 2009, following a stroke.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Essenson enlisted in the Army Air Corps after graduating from high school. During World War II, he flew 18 missions as a belly gunner aboard a B-24 and held the rank of Staff Sergeant. Following the war, he was employed as a draftsman

for a local company in New York.

In the early 1960s Mr. Essenson purchased his first Standardbred. He owned, trained and drove his own horses, competing at Yonkers and Roosevelt Raceway in New York and City Raceway in Freehold, N.J. In the 1970s he competed at Brandywine and Harrington raceways in Delaware and at Ocean Downs and Rosecroft Raceway in Maryland.

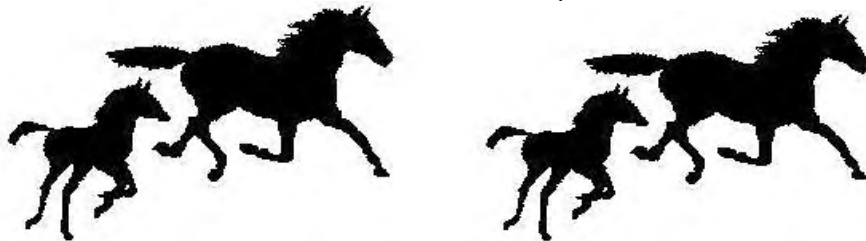
In 1984-'85 he was employed by Chapter Stables as the farm's breeding manager. He later worked for Harry West as assistant trainer while stabled at Freestate and Rosecroft raceways, working for the West Stable for 10 years, retiring in 1998.

With more than 40 years of experience working with horses, Mr. Essenson trained and raced Standardbreds at 19 racetracks across the country.

From 2003-2005, he was employed as farm manager at Happy Horse Farm of La Plata, Md.

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Mr. Essenson was a member of the USTA and the Cloverleaf Standardbred Owner's Association.

He was also an accomplished artist, specializing in equine portraiture, working primarily in the oil painting medium. He received much of his artistic inspiration from the covers of *Hoof Beats*.

In 2008, he received the Lucille E. Gayer Memorial Horseman of the Year award from Gayer's Saddlery, Inc. of Maryland.

Mr. Essenson is survived by his wife of 33 years, Arleen; and his son, Paul, a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Dr. J. Richard Feldman

Dr. J. Richard "Rick" Feldman, 66, of Pennington, N.J., a former chairman of the New Jersey Sire Stakes board of trustees and longtime Standardbred owner and breeder, died Nov. 21, 2009,

after a lengthy illness.

He served more than 10 years from 1992 to 2003 on the NJSS Board that administers the State Department of Agriculture program of races for NJ-sired horses, and was board chairman in 1994, 1998 and 2002.

Dr. Feldman, a prominent Mercer County podiatrist for 30 years before retiring, had also been an active Standardbred owner since 1974, mostly in partnership with Hall of Famer Carmine Abbatiello and others over the years, including another Hall of Famer, Mike Lachance.

Among the horses he owned or co-owned with Abbatiello was Ombre Rose p,3,1:55.3 (\$250,666), who won the 1987 Blossom and Night Styles Series finals and was second in the Miss New Jersey Pace at the Meadowlands.

Ombre Rose later produced such outstanding racehorses as Largo p,1:51 (\$736,910), sired by Cam Fella; Austin p,1:50.2 (\$274,553), by Artsplace;

Nick Charles p,1:56.2h (\$167,719), by Artiscape; and Shades Of Art p,1:52.4s (\$148,117), by Artsplace.

Dr. Feldman was also a co-owner of Bold Rush, winner of the first SBOANJ Pacing Classic at the Meadowlands in 1980, and the ill-fated Keystone Topper, who suffered a career-ending injury as the favorite in the first Woodrow Wilson Pace in 1977 after winning his elimination heat.

Born in Trenton, Dr. Feldman was a resident of Pennington the past 30 years. He was a graduate of Trenton Junior College, Howard University and Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine (Temple University).

A podiatrist for 30 years with offices in Philadelphia, Hamilton and Ewing Townships, he was a diplomat of the American Board of Podiatric Surgery, a fellow of the American College of Foot Surgeons and the American Association of Hospital Podiatrists, and an associate of the American Academy of Podiatric

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The son of the late Mark and Sylvia Feldman, he is survived by his wife, Carolyn Hirsch Feldman; son, Josh; daughter, Shara (Christopher) Blosser; brother, Robert; and a grandson, Raphael Feldman Blosser.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, P.O. Box 4527, New York, NY 10163.

Russell Herringer

Russell Harry Herringer, 83, of Beloit, Wis., died Oct. 2, 2009, in his home.

He was born on April 25, 1926, in Minnesota, the son of Harry and Alma (Lee) Herringer. He always loved horses and was an accomplished trainer and driver.

One of his accomplishments was winning the 1959 Illinois NICA pace with Fairside Pal. He made his living racing in New York, California, Ohio and Kentucky. He also worked for

Delmer Insko, Delvin Miller and Sonny Graham.

He was married to Betty Lundy for 38 years. In 1985 he moved to Florida with his wife. He returned to Wisconsin in April 2009 to be closer to his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Herringer is survived by his wife, Betty; children, Carol (Daniel) Tanner and Steve; stepdaughter, Kathleen "Dode" Lynch; grandchildren, Brandon Herringer and Carrie Nelson; and siblings, Linda (Ronald) Hiller and Darrell (Arla).

Sylvester Jechura

Sylvester "Shake" Jechura, 84, former owner and operator of Raceway Park and a former USTA director, died Nov. 25, 2009, at his retirement home in Largo, Fla.

Mr. Jechura, along with his brothers, developed Raceway Park in Toledo, Ohio, as an automobile racetrack, opened in 1949, and in 1958 it was grant-

ed a license for Thoroughbred racing by the Ohio State Racing Commission. Standardbreds joined the racing mix in 1962, and the track became the exclusive home to Standardbreds in 1971.

Mr. Jechura served on the USTA board for two years, after having been elected to the post in 1986.

He was a hands-on owner, more likely to be found in a garage, at any hour of the day or night, working on the tractor used to groom the track, than in his office. The racing surface at Raceway Park was among the first to feature deeply sloped turns, which yielded fast times. Mr. Jechura himself delighted in spending hour after hour grooming the racetrack.

The track was destroyed by fire in 1976, but was rebuilt and opened in 1977. The Jechura family sold Raceway Park in 1988 and Mr. Jechura and his wife moved to Florida.

Mr. Jechura is survived by his wife of 65 years, Sylvia; daughter, Sharon;



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sister, Helen; grandchildren, Dion Wilson, Steven Suzor, Kelly (Wagner) Hall, Amy (Wagner) Kazmierczak and Carey (Wagner) Manders; eight great-grandchildren; and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Susan; sisters, Mary, Wanda and Sophie; and brothers and co-founders of Raceway Park, Carl, Edward, Chester, Stanley "Skip" and Stephen "Tony."

Wendel Laird

Wendel Laird, 75, of Princess Anne, Md., died Nov. 15, 2009, at his residence following a long battle with lung cancer.

Mr. Laird was a member of the USTA and was an owner, trainer and driver. He loved harness racing and was involved in the sport for more than 30 years.

He was also employed in the automobile business as a service manager before his retirement.

Mr. Laird is survived by his wife, Shirley; three children, David, Mark and

Lisa; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother; and one sister.

Jean Lawson

Jean Lawson, 93, the wife of the late horseman Roy Lawson, one of the pioneers of modern-day racing in Ontario, died Aug. 25, 2009.

Mrs. Lawson owned her own horses, as well as horses with her late husband, from the age of 21 until his death in 1983.

Over the years, the Lawsons raced at many different tracks beginning in the 1940s in Toronto. When Old Woodbine was converted to a harness track, they were the first to stable there. In the mid-1950s they raced at Connaught Park, Blue Bonnets and Trois Rivieres. The second year Windsor was open they relocated there, but eventually moved back to the Campbellville area. They raced for a short time in the 1970s on the Buffalo/Batavia circuit, but then came back to Ontario and settled at Flamboro Downs.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Lawson continued to own horses with her son, Brian.

Besides her involvement with horses, she was a well-known artist.

She is survived by her son, Brian; daughter, Suzanne German; and grandson, Corrie German.

John Petrie Sr.

John Howard Petrie Sr., 71, of Albion, Ind., died Nov. 11, 2009, at his residence.

Mr. Petrie was born on Dec. 24, 1937, at home near Hicksville, Ohio, to the late Reynold and Gladys (Mozena) Petrie. On Sept. 4, 1959, at the Wawaka Church of the Brethren, he married Janice Marie Engle. She died on June 3, 2004.

From 1954 to 1960 Mr. Petrie served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

He was a lifelong Albion resident and was a self-employed truck driver who retired with more than 20 years of service. After his retirement in 1997, he



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began to drive and train Standardbreds in Toledo, Ohio.

In his spare time Mr. Petrie loved to play cards and spend time with his family. He was a lifetime member of the Albion American Legion Post #242, the Albion Eagles, the USTA and the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association.

He is survived by three sons, John (Cathi) Jr., Jack (Sandy) and Joe (Laura); daughter, Jane (Robert) Knapp; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; six sisters; and three brothers. He was preceded in death by his wife, Janice; his parents; and two sisters, Gloria Springe and Mary Ann Thompson.

Dr. Edwin Probber

Dr. Edwin Probber, 89, a former Standardbred owner and the father of trainer-driver Barry Probber, died at his home in Tamarac, Fla., Nov. 7, 2009.

Dr. Probber was a lifelong harness racing enthusiast and active horse owner during the 1970s and 1980s. He often drove many hours to check out a new racetrack. Besides the horses, he loved Bridge and day trading stocks on his computer.

Professionally, he ran a podiatry clinic in Floral Park, N.Y. He was best known, however, for teaching a post-graduate course and became a mentor to hundreds of students. He was one of the pioneers of minimal incision surgery, now the standard in medical procedures.

Dr. Probber is survived by his wife of 61 years, Ellen; sons, Barry (Paula) and Scott; daughter, Pam Brown; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Harness Horse Youth Foundation.

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