

Michael T. Van Dyke

Michael T. Van Dyke of Urbana, Ohio passed away September 29, 2019. He was born in Harrodsburg, Kentucky December 18, 1938 to Ransom and Birdie Van Dyke.

Mike worked with his father training horses growing up in Kentucky. Mike began working for the legendary Garland Bradshaw as a young man. He was working for Mr. Bradshaw in 1957 when Lady Carrigan and Sunshine Carol won their respective 5 and 3-gaited worlds grand championships.

Mike moved to Ohio and worked for a time with Walter Murphy at A. E. Knowlton's Emerald Farm, the Bonnie's His n Hurst Farm, Dr. Bechtel's, The Dells and Mr. Paul Field's High View Stables where he trained for 31 years. In 2002 Mike began training under his own banner, The Mike Van Dyke Stables in Urbana, Ohio.

Mike raised and trained many notable horses during his career. He was especially known for his ability to make and show futurity colts. He won the Ohio, Buckeye and Pennsylvania futurities numerous times. Many of these colts went on to become successful show horses.

Mike was a true horseman. He did not go out and buy the 'ready made' horses. He worked with what he had and brought out the best in each of them.

Some of the horses that Mike worked over the years (and many are missing) are:

High View's Lovely Maid, Sultan's Romance, Sultan's Big Affair, Sultan's Cock Robin, Sultan's Duchess, Sultan's Fireball, High View's Born Believer, Midnight's True Blue, Sultan's Gold Digger, Midnight Spice, ^{CH}The Petite Princess, ^{RWCI}I'm An Early Riser, Just Lika Spider, Santana Review, and his stud, Sharp Believer.

Mike was a lifetime member of the United Professional Horsemen's Association. He won numerous Tri State Horse Shows Association awards over the years and was named the Tri State Trainer of the year in 1997.

Contributions to the UPHA Dewey Henderson Benevolent Fund in Mike's memory would be appreciated.

He will be missed.

Midnight Spice



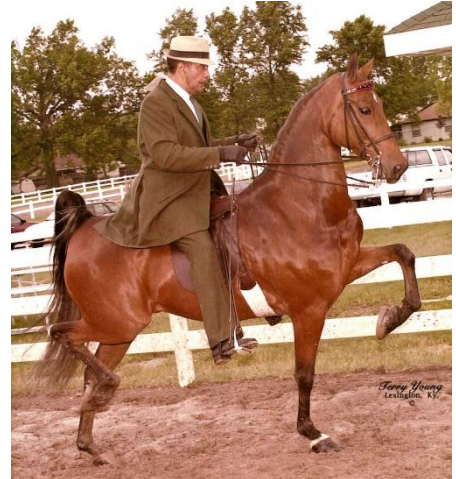
1999 Ohio State Fair Junior 5-gaited champion

1999 Tri State Horse Shows Association Junior 5 gaited champion.

2000 Ohio State Fair 5-gaited Grand Champion

2000 Tri State Horse Shows Association 5 gaited champion.

Midnight's True Blue



2001 Tri State Horse Shows Association 3 gaited reserve champion

2002 American Saddlebred Horse Association of Ohio 3 gaited champion