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MERTON "BUD" HANSON 1923 - 2009

Long-time Morgan horse breeder Merton (Bud) Hanson of Lunenburg, Ontario, passed away November 8, 2009 at age 86.

Born April 9, 1923 at Woodstock, New Brunswick, he is survived by his wife of 60 years Virginia, and son Calvin.

Horses were Bud's passion, owning the highly successful Big Oak Morgan Horse Farm established in 1967 with his wife and son, where offspring from the farm won and or produced champions at the world, grand national, international, regional, state, and provincial level. Morgan horses that have generated from the Hanson bloodline have won 16 World Championships, 10 World Reserve Championships, 29 Grand National Championships, and 46 Regional Championships.

As a builder in the equestrian sport, Hanson served many capacities: president of the Canadian Morgan Horse Association 1973-1979; member of the board of directors of the American Morgan Horse Association 1973-1980; and chairman of the horse show committee of the Canadian Morgan Horse Association 1968-1973. For several years, in the American Morgan Horse Association he was chairman of

the open competition awards committee, and bylaws committee member; Morgan horse breed director to Canadian Live Stock Records Corporation; in Equine Canada he was a member of the board of directors and chairman of the national Morgan Horse rules committee; and locally served on the Stormont County Fair light horse committee in the 1960s.

Bud served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War. He did topographical surveying in New Brunswick, and in unexplored areas of northern Canada.

He gave 40 years of public service, and was Cornwall's resident civil engineer with the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority Corporation (retired).

In his younger years, he had a passion for basketball, playing for Woodstock New Brunswick High School in 1941 (captain/center); and the University of New Brunswick in 1946, 1947 (Maritime Intercollegiate Senior Varsity Basketball Champions), and 1948. His nickname was "Hammer." □

ANNA ELA DICKSON



Anna Ela Dickson, passed away January 24 at her home, Townshend Farm, in Bolton, MA. She was born March 14, 1909 to the late Brenton H. Dickson Jr. and Ruth Bennett Dickson of Weston, Ma. She was the beloved wife of the late Roger E. Ela, Senior Partner at Nutter McClennen and Fish, LLP. Anna is survived by her daughter, Nancy E. Caisse; a grandson, Mark E. Caisse and his wife Leslie; and a great-grandson, Robert Ela Caisse. She also leaves behind a brother, William A. Dickson and his wife Harriet; a sister, Ruth Dickson Orcutt; and a sister in law, Polly Dickson, wife of Anna's deceased brother, Edward M. Dickson. She was predeceased by another brother, Brenton H. Dickson III and his wife Helen. After graduation from The Windsor School in Boston, Anna turned her talents to raising notable Morgan Horses. Because of the recent, wonderful tributes and celebrations of her life which she was able to enjoy; a more modest Memorial Service will be held for family and friends, Saturday, February 13, at 1:30 p.m. at First Parish Church, 673 Main St., Bolton Center. At Anna's request, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to either The Green Mountain Horse Association, South Woodstock, VT 05071, for support of the Roger and Anna Ela Youth Center or the National Museum of the Morgan Horse, P.O. Box 700 Shelburne, VT. 05482, for the 2010 Archival Preservation Project. For additional information, tributes and guest book, please visit www.mem.com. Duckett-J.S. Waterman & Sons, Home of Memorial Tribute, Sudbury, MA 978/443-5777.



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E. KEENE ANNIS 1925 - 2009



Left to right: Keene Annis at his birthday party at New England Regional; Keene presenting at the GMHA Show.

E. Keene Annis died in his Medway home after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Columbus Ohio, and later residing in Elmira, NY, Ashland, MA, Dover, MA, Framingham, MA and Holliston, MA, Keene was the son of Ross E. Annis and Hazel Ellis Annis. He is preceded in death by his son K. Davieson Annis, and by his brother Ross E. Annis the 2nd.

Keene is survived by his wife of 59 years, Susan (Power) Annis, and his daughters Sarah (Annis) Lentini, DVM, of Framingham, MA and Nicole (Annis) Caruso of Charlton, MA, as well as his sister Ruth Annis de Lascoutx of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. He is also survived by his grandchildren Gabriella and Maria Lentini, and Christopher and Leda Annis, as well as nephews Carlos Lascoutx, Christopher Lascoutx and Andres Lascoutx, and his niece Betsy Kaden.

Keene was a highly regarded co-owner of Waseeka Farm, producers of Morgan show and pleasure horses.

Keene was instrumental in helping to choose the original mares that became the foundation of the Waseeka breeding program back in the very early 1950s.

Among the horses Keene showed to Harness championships were Windcrest Sentimental Lady and Sweet Pepper. Keene was also pressed into service for the occasional weanling In Hand classes, or driving Deerfield Leading Lady in the Cavalcade class, or piloting one of his 3 children along in leadline classes. Keene never missed attending at least one day of the New England Morgan Horse show in Northampton, either in support of his family and friends, or in support of friends he just hadn't met yet. Keene loved a great party and Northampton was always one of his favorite destinations. He would arrive dressed to the nines and ready to celebrate.

Keene was actively involved in the New England Morgan Horse Association, serving on the Board in the 1980s.

Keene also became involved in the operation of Waseeka Kennels, breeders of English Setter, Welsh Corgi and Newfoundland show and companion dogs.

Keene was Regional Sales Manager for the Volkswagen distributor Hansen-McPhee in the mid 1950s before being awarded the local VW franchise in 1958, originally located in Framingham. Keene added Porsche and Audi, which was consolidated as Annis Porsche Audi Volkswagen in Natick, MA, and operated under his name until his retirement in 1992.

He also served on the Atlantic Zone Porsche Audi Dealer Advisory Council.

He was an avid car enthusiast, having raced his Jaguars and AC Bristol throughout the SCCA circuit in the 1950s and early 1960s.

A Rotary member from 1964 Keene was honored to serve as president of the Framingham chapter in 1970. He was also a noted member of the South Middlesex Chamber of Commerce and served on the Board of the South Norfolk Community Services Association.

Keene graduated from the Cambridge School of Weston in 1942, and from Bowdoin College in 1950.

He was a WWII veteran having served from 1943 to 1946 as a US Army Air Force radio operator, stationed in France. He served with the 762nd Army Air Forces Base Unit and with the 132nd Army Airways Service Squadron. He was honorably discharged in 1946 and awarded the America Campaign medal and the World War II Victory medal. □



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TIMOTHY J. O'GORMAN



Tim & Shirley O'Gorman

Timothy J. O'Gorman, 59, of Perrysburg, Ohio, passed away Sunday, November 22, 2009, in Auburn, NY, under the care of Hospice of the Finger Lakes and surrounded by family and friends.

"Timmy" was a native of Colton, NY, and a graduate of Colton-Pierrepont Central School, SUNY Morrisville, and the University of Vermont. Since the age of 13, he was an owner, breeder, trainer, and exhibitor of registered American Morgan horses, a passion that grew from reading the book *Justin Morgan Had a Horse* by Marguerite Henry several years earlier. Along with his wife, Shirley Norman O'Gorman, both their passions turned into vocations, with owning and operating O'Gorman Stables, and they have exhibited horses from Maine to California, Illinois to Florida, and throughout the heartlands of America. Timothy was an American Horse Show/American Morgan Horse judge and was often in center ring at state fairs, regional, national, and the World Championships horse shows. He was the second American to judge the "Morgans" at the Royal Windsor Horse Show, Windsor Castle, England. While he was

recognized as an accomplished master horseman, he was also an astute breeder of giant schnauzer dogs, which have excelled in their respective division.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley N. O'Gorman, of Perrysburg, OH; siblings, Leary and wife Ellen O'Gorman of Englewood, CO, Kathleen O'Gorman Casey and husband Brian of Canton, NY, Michael O'Gorman of Auburn, NY, Jane O'Gorman of Canton, NY, Patrick O'Gorman and wife Karen of Potsdam, NY; nieces and nephews, Bridget Casey, Katie McKinley, Colin and Caitlin O'Gorman, and Keenan, Sean and Nora O'Gorman; one aunt, Marguerite O'Gorman of Colton, NY; and several cousins. He was predeceased by his parents, Ann L. and Francis J. O'Gorman.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon Regional Cancer Center, Angel Fund, 2320 Highland Rd., Hermitage, PA 16148, Attn: Brenda Barber.

Our thoughts are with Tim's family and friends.

LEO LEFEBVRE

Leo LeFebvre passed away at his New York home on New Year's Day. Leo was once resident trainer at Tara Farm and was influential with establishing the Tara look with the selection of Bar-T Regina and her foal, Emyrean Apollo.

Leo stayed in touch with his friends in the Morgan community with annual visits to the New England Morgan show, usually with close friend Sue Friday of Rolling Oaks Farm.