



Joe DeVoss

May 27, 1955 - June 20, 2020

On Saturday, June 20, 2020 Joe DeVoss passed away at the age of 65.

Joe was born May 27, 1955 in Charleston, West Virginia to William and Dorothy DeVoss. Joe graduated from Sissonville High School. He married Becky Scott DeVoss in 1997.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Dorothy DeVoss. He is survived by his wife, Becky of Lancaster, Ohio; brothers, Kent of Hurricane WVA, Dana of Suffolk, Va., and Beverly of Huntsville, Texas; two nieces, Jenna and Sarah and a nephew, Chris.

Joe was fortunate to turn his love and passion for horses into a long and successful career. From his early years riding and showing at local open shows, finding a diamond in the ruff at a sale, to competing at the highest level he was respected by his peers for his knowledge, work ethic and talent.


Joe worked for only 2 people in the horse industry, a testament to his loyalty to those who believed him. He began as an assistant with Jr Shelpman in Lucasville, Ohio. Jr would not only be an employer but a mentor and lifelong friend. With Jr he developed a feel for starting young horses for many events. His approach to young horses was they all had to get broke before they could do a job. He had the patience and feel to ensure those youngsters had the

best start possible. He had an amazing memory for those horses and nothing would give him a bigger smile than to see them winning years later. As his reputation grew, he and Jr became more partners. Joe had his own clients and horses as well as riding for Jr's client. That time saw him in the finals of the Two Year Old Futurity at the Congress many times, winning pleasure futurities, making Superior pleasure horses and coaching youth and amateurs. Joe's reputation for honest, solid horses and his work ethic caught the eye of Bob Null. Bob brought Joe to Willow Wood, Ohio and Gre-Cin Acres. There he managed Bob's breeding operation standing world champion halter horses, fitting weanlings and yearlings for show and sale while still maintaining his pleasure horses showing and coaching. His success with Gre-Cin Acres took Joe to another level as he added fitting and leading superior halter horses and halter futurity championships to his resume. In 1986, Bob sold out of the horse business and Joe took the opportunity to start on his own. Joe had a unique eye for seeing what a horse could become. He took that gift and focused more on buying and selling horses. It fit very well as people looking for a horse for a specific event or rider knew they could rely on Joe to be honest and fair. He also added showing Paint Horses to his business earning superior awards, high points and top ten world show placings for his customers.

His quick wit, humor and superb story telling will remain with us all for many years.

A celebration of life for Joe will be held a later date.

Tribute Wall

 Drema
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“ So sad for the families loss. I don't remember Joe but was good friends with Dana & have always tried to find him on Facebook. Hope he is well!



Drema Harding Hughart - September 10, 2020 at 04:28 PM

TB

“ I was in a 4-H saddle club in Scioto county in my teen years. My poppa Joe Gambill was the club advisor. Joe had learned about horses & showing while working With champion show horses at the Shelby Farm Just west of Portsmouth.
Joe, Kent, & Dana DeVoss are my first cousins; my uncle Bill's sons. My parents invited Kent, the oldest boy, to stay with us in Ohio during the county fair. I recall that I wasn't in favor of the idea at first, but he soon became one of the “barn kids”. In a few years, the other two boys joined in. Poppa Joe would laugh at seeing pictures from the fair week that somehow always had one of the DeVoss boys in the background. They didn't have horses at home, but became interested in showing & caring for them. It was at this early teen age that Joe first met Becky.
After my 4-H years, I noticed that though MY interest and involvement With horses had resulted in all three DeVoss boys training & showing professionally & I hadn't ridden in years!

Tim Burton - July 01, 2020 at 09:38 AM

TS

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Joe. He was so young yet lived a very fulfilling life especially when it came to his horses. We will remember Joe as hard working, kind and welcoming. Like you, Joe always welcomed our family into your home. I will always remember his big smile especially at our annual neighborhood party. Joe was a lucky man to have you to take care of him at home until the very end of his battle with this terribly sad disease. I know you have many happy memories and will reflect on them as you mourn Joe. We pray for your peace and comfort during this difficult time. You know our home is always open to you! Love from Mark, Tracey, Ryan & Austin Shafer

Tracey Shafer - June 30, 2020 at 04:27 PM

MD

“ Joe has played a big part in the Favorite family, laughs, dancing, cards, drinking and tons of BS. Happy he also got to be part of my girls lives. We love and he will always be in our hearts



Mary Favorite Ditmer - June 30, 2020 at 12:57 PM

CW

“ Sure will miss Joe he broke and trained a horse i once owned Story Book Boogie he always said good things about him even though that horse bucked me off and broke my leg!Joe just couldn't believe it out of him!Lol

Csrla Whaley - June 30, 2020 at 12:14 PM

KL

“ Joe will be missed at shows. Smiling walking with the dog and visiting with all of us. I'm sure he's up in heaven with all those horses he loved! (Kathy Payne)

Kathy Lewis-Payne - June 30, 2020 at 11:29 AM



Suzanne
Glaab-
Varney

“ Becky... please know you and the family are in my thoughts.

Suzanne Glaab-Varney - June 30, 2020 at 10:18 AM

BC

“ Joe and Becky. always fun to show with.
prayers and and sympathy on the loss of Joe. always a smile on his face

Beth Conrad - June 30, 2020 at 09:55 AM