

In Memoriam

William Camp Jr.

William McCutcheon Camp Jr., 90, died on March 20, 2018, at his home, Hollinknoll Farm, in Carrsville, Va.

Mr. Camp was involved in several real estate and farming businesses. He loved his farm where he raised crops, cattle, and Standardbreds. A passionate owner and breeder for decades, he bred 964 Standardbreds and owned 705 members of the breed according to the USTA's database, which does not include statistics for the duration of Mr. Camp's involvement with the sport prior to 1972.

In 1971, Mr. Camp won the Little Brown Jug with Nansemond in a stunning upset over Albatross in a world record for four heats. He co-owned and co-bred Nansemond with Ferner Perry and co-owned him with Capital Hill Farms.

Mr. Camp's first Standardbred was Miss Sarah Rodney 2:04.2f (\$103,471). He owned most of his horses with Perry. One of those equines was Adios Scarlet p,2:03.4h (\$51,876), one of the greatest producing broodmares of all time. She was the dam of, among others, Isle of Wight 1:56.2 (\$493,514), Scarlet Skipper p,1:56.2 (\$423,658), and Nansemond p,1:56.1f (\$448,436), who was the only horse to defeat Albatross as a 3-year-old.

Mr. Camp was a regular attendee at the Standardbred Horse Sale in Harrisburg, Pa. Sale management remembered a transaction in which Mr. Camp was involved. A bidder was seeking credit, but was unknown to sale management. Mr. Camp vouched for the bidder, credit was extended, but the bidder never paid. Mr. Camp paid for the purchases because he had vouched for the bidder.

"Bill set a standard for integrity to which we should all aspire," said USTA President Russell Williams.

Mr. Camp graduated from Woodberry Forest School in Orange in 1946 and was a member of the University of Virginia class of 1951 and Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. He served on the University of Virginia board of visitors from 1982 to 1990. He was a lifelong member of Franklin Baptist Church in Franklin and served on its board of deacons.

Mr. Camp was born in Franklin, Va., in 1927 on Election Day. Active politically with both parties at times, he was

most proud to say he was a lifelong Virginia Democrat. He served as an elected supervisor of Isle of Wight County and on that county's welfare board. In the early 60s, during the height of the Cold War, he represented Virginia in a goodwill agri-business tour of Russia. He also served on the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the first Virginia pari-mutuel racing study commission appointed by Gov. Linwood Holton and became an integral leader in efforts to have racing legislation passed in 1989 within his home state.

Mr. Camp was very supportive of his community and served on the local board of the Virginia National Bank/Sovran Bank, the Camp Foundation board (50-plus years), the Carrie S. Camp Foundation board, and the William M. Camp Foundation board. He was co-founder of the Franklin chapter of Planned Parenthood after seeing firsthand the community need for this service on the Isle of Wight welfare board.

Mr. Camp was the son of the late William M. and Edith Clay Camp of Franklin, Va. He was preceded in death by a younger brother, L. Clay. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Shirlee Steinbach Camp; children, Carrie Luanne (Thomas Crowder), Frances Hollis, Edith Clay, and William M. III (Cammie Caison Camp); and grandchildren, Mason Camp-Crowder, West Camp-Crowder, Bennett Camp-Crowder, Mac Morecock, Hollis, Hugh, Henry, and Chris.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Franklin Baptist Church, 208 N. High St., Franklin, VA 23851.

Allyn G. Dentlinger

Allyn G. "Big Al" Dentlinger, 75, died March 8, 2018.

He trained Standardbreds in western New York for many years. Among the top horses in his stable were the Open pacer Woody Wilton and Jackie's Peanut.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Sophie; daughter, Amy (Ron) Jewell; granddaughter, Annie; and beloved dog, Daisy.

Glen Holt

Glen D. Holt, 87, died Feb. 12, 2018.

He was born Dec. 19, 1930, in Missouri. As a young child, he traveled with his parents and siblings from Missouri, working in the fields and following the crops for a living. This took the family all over Arizona and California, living in labor camps or in tents. Because his family was constantly on the move, he attended 13 different schools by the time he reached the eighth grade when the family finally settled to live in Shafter, Calif.

Several years later, he worked for the Shafter Police Department where he became a sergeant. While on the force, he taught pistol shooting and became an expert sharpshooter.

He resigned from the police department to pursue his dream of owning, breeding, and racing Standardbreds. It was during this time that he found his passion. From the mid-1960s to the 1970s, he became one of the most successful drivers in the state of California, starting out on the county fair circuit, then moving on to Hollywood Park, Santa Anita, Bay Meadows, Los Alamitos, and Cal Expo.

He was highly respected by his peers in the sport. He was the first trainer in California to have a swimming pool built for training horses and he was frequently sought out to train and race horses from stables across the U.S., Canada, France, New Zealand, and Australia.

Mr. Holt was a third-degree Mason. He was a kindhearted and empathic man with great integrity that was forged in him from his childhood roots. It never was a surprise for his children to hear of his acts of kindness for someone who needed a little help; whether it was buying someone airline tickets, repairing autos, paying bills, or giving cash, he did this unconditionally.

In 1950, he married Helen Rose from Shafter and together they raised four children. In 1986, he married Annette Funicello and was a faithful husband and caregiver to her until her death in 2013. The Annette Funicello Research Fund for Neurological Diseases, which the couple established in 1993, remained Mr. Holt's passion, and he faithfully continued his work to raise money for research along with the help of his good friend, Dave Mason.

He enjoyed telling jokes, his daily drives to the ranch, and lunches and afternoon visits with his friends in Shafter. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Newton and Letha; five sisters; three brothers; one grandson; one great-grandson; ex-wife, Helen; and wife, Annette Funicello. He is survived by his sister, Martha "Mott" Seidel Mauney; brothers, James and Tommy; children, Michael (Linda), Debbie (Greg/Hippo) Hanson, Philip, and Sharla (Mike) Johnson; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and many godchildren and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Annette Funicello Research Fund for Neurological Diseases at connect.calfund.org/give/annettefunicello.

Lenard "Moe" Milburn

Lenard "Moe" Milburn, 71, of Lebanon, Ohio, died March 16, 2018, at Hospice of Butler & Warren Counties.

He was a Standardbred owner, trainer, and driver and amassed just under \$1 million in combined earnings since the USTA began maintaining

such records.

His wife, Mary, preceded him in death. He is survived by Jacob, who was like a son; sister, Shelia; nieces, Cindy and Amanda (Justin); nephew, Brandon; great-nephew, Ryan; and brothers-in-law, Robert (Sharon) and John.

Memorial contributions toward his cremation would be gladly appreciated. Please send to Sharon Wiseman, 2717 Vera Cruz Dr., Villa Hills, KY 41017.

Dick Oldfield

Dick Oldfield, 84, of Lexington, Ky., best known for training the top pacer True Duane, died March 11, 2018, in Louisville, Ky., after a short battle with cancer.

Born June 14, 1933, in Toledo, Ohio, Mr. Oldfield was the son of George B. and Maude (Smith) Oldfield.

Following his graduation from high school, Mr. Oldfield married and started his own trucking company and later with his father, George, started Adrian Sand and Gravel Company which supplied sand and stone to build many of the state and local highways in southeastern Michigan and northwest Ohio. The location is now known as Lake Madison.

After his success in the gravel busi-

ness, Mr. Oldfield chose to devote his time to harness racing. His first real success came in 1965 with the pacer True Duane p,3,1:56.4 (\$366,050), who defeated the great Bret Hanover in his final lifetime start in a world record time.

Mr. Oldfield established Oldfield Farm in Adrian, Mich., in 1968 and had much success with his homebreds, including Final Cheers p,1:49.3 (\$1,112,659) and Thin Blue Line p,1:50.3f (\$816,644). He believed that Michigan-sired horses could compete at the top levels in the Standardbred industry. One of the racehorses he was most proud to have trained was Royal Strength 2,1:57 (\$409,298), voted the Dan Patch Award winner as top 2-year-old trotting colt in 1991. He continued to train horses up to the past year, enjoying his time in Lexington, Hoosier Park, and Pinehurst, N.C.

Mr. Oldfield is survived by his children, Patti (Bill) Gira, Cynthia Reed (Joe Yoerg), and Rick (Lucy); grandchildren, Robert (Laura) Reed, Corey, Christian Reed, and Rachel; brother, Ronald; and dear friend, Carolyn Turner.

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Ralph Paul

Ralph Paul, 89, born June 23, 1928, died Feb. 28, 2018.

Mr. Paul graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in architecture. He was a builder and built many prominent developments and projects throughout Delaware, including Chateau Orleans Apartments and Colony North Apartments.

He had many interests, including restoring vintage automobiles and harness racing. He was a frequent visitor to Brandywine Raceway and many other tracks, was a member of M & L of Delaware, and owned such outstanding horses as Midnight J.D., Billie T Bret, Cammie's Lady, Ladylind, Mantacular, and his namesake, Ralph E Redman, to name a few.

He is survived by his wife, Rosalind; and was the beloved father of Jill, Cheryl, and Douglas. He is also survived by his four grandchildren: Phillip, Rachel, Abby, and Marc. A special "thank you" goes out to his tireless caretaker of many years, Daniel.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Standardbred Retirement Foundation (adoptahorse.org).

Paul J. Phillips

Paul J. Phillips, DVM, 93, of Batavia, N.Y., died at his home March 10, 2018.

Dr. Phillips was born in Chicago on Dec. 20, 1924, to the late Edward and Irene (Walsh) Phillips. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of more than 60 years, Dottie; and his son, Michael (John Styliaris, fiancé).

When a man is a great father, it outshines every other major accomplishment in his life, and Dr. Phillips had many. He was born in Chicago on Dec. 20, 1924. A World War II veteran, "Doc" (to all that knew him) grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he met the love of his life, Dorothy T. Somers. With Dottie in tow, he went to Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine and graduated in 1954.

He was quickly scooped up by Drs. Perry Combs and Rodney Forsyth in Batavia, which would become his "forever" home. After the passing of both Drs. Combs and Forsyth, he continued the veterinary practice solo. He also

founded Genesee Valley Farm, where he could fulfill his passion for Standardbred racehorses. He continued practicing until his battle with throat cancer in 2013 forced him to retire.

He will be well-remembered for his wit, compassion, and honesty for all who would walk into his vet practice, or interact with him at their farms.

He is survived by his devoted children, Paul (Lisa Bosley), Edward (Doreen Turnbull), Anne Phillips, Constance Chisolm, Daniel (Jacquie), and Katherine (Robert) Brown; grandchildren, Jessica, Rachael, Ned, Mikala, Craig, Peter, Paul, Adam, Matthew, Katrina, Sydney, Samantha, Phillip, Natalie, and Brendan; many great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews; and a sister, Helen Huley.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Volunteers For Animals (www.vol4animals.org), 3841 West Main St. Rd., Batavia, NY 14020, or the Annual Fund at Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine in memory of Dr. Paul J. Phillips at bit.ly/2FwgihA or Box 39, Ithaca, NY 14853.

Keith Ross Sr.

Keith "Red" Ross Sr., 81, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, died March 22, 2018, at his home.

He was born in Wayne County, W.Va., on Oct. 28, 1936. He married Donna Lee Cribley and they were together for 47 years before she passed away on Jan. 10, 2009. He was also preceded in death by his mother, Leota Ross Akers; his grandmother who raised him, Sadie; brother, Donald Glenn Akers; and grandson, Brandon.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Ross was self-employed. He loved his horses and harness racing. He was a longtime member of the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association and the USTA. One of his proudest and most recent accomplishments was his 3-year-old filly trotter Like Old Times winning Horse of the Year in Ohio in 2015.

Mr. Ross was a member of the Eagles, Elks, Moose, and American Legion. He was an avid fan of the Cincinnati Reds and was a season ticket holder for many years.

He is survived by his children, Keith (Becky) Jr., Mark and Kim (Tim) LeVan; grandchildren, Clark, Colby (Rhandi) LeVan, Lindy (Tark) Martin, Luke (Rachel), Kara (Quinn) Ross-Henning,

and Hollie (Alexander) Ross-Williams; great-grandchildren, Bensyn LeVan, Parker Penhorwood, Harper Penhorwood, Carson Penhorwood, Eddie, Abbott, Eden Williams, and Ryan Henning; and his special friend, Gail Huser.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lights of Love, c/o Logan County Cancer Society, Attn: Tammy Allison, 205 Palmer Ave., Bellefontaine, OH 43311.

Charles Sarkis

Charles F. Sarkis, 78, a highly successful Boston restaurateur who later went into the racing business and was the last owner of the Foxboro Park harness track (formerly known as Bay State Raceway, New England Harness, and Foxboro Raceway), died March 11, 2018, after a prolonged fight with a brain tumor which was first diagnosed in 1995.

Mr. Sarkis first entered the racing scene when he purchased Wonderland Greyhound Park in Revere, Mass., in 1977. The track had many years of successful greyhound meets, but in a 2008 referendum, Massachusetts voters cast their ballots to ban the sport and Wonderland, which opened in 1935, ran its last race on Sept. 18, 2009. Mr. Sarkis then turned his attention to Thoroughbred and harness racing when he leased what was originally called Bay State Raceway and changed the name to Foxboro Park.

In 1992, Mr. Sarkis was granted 72 dates for the Thoroughbreds to be run from May-September and harness racing dates to be run from September-December. The Thoroughbred meet was a failure due in part to an equine virus that hit the horses and limited the amount of entries to short fields. Only 35 of the dates were run.

Harness racing took over the track for several years, but another problem hit Mr. Sarkis when litigation between him and Robert Kraft, owner of the New England Patriots and Gillette Stadium, which is located near the track, took place and Mr. Sarkis lost that lawsuit. The Foxboro track ran its last harness race in the summer of 1997, 50 years after the track opened.

Mr. Sarkis was married to the late Nancy Hennessy in 1964, from whom he was later divorced. He is survived by their children, Nancy, Charles Jr., Paul, Patrick, Amy, and Sarah; five grandchildren, Bailey, Holden, Chase,

Luke, and Finleigh; and his sister, Dorothy Morkis.

In 1999, he married Jolene Sykes and he is survived by her and her daughter, Kate; and three grandchildren, Hunt, Raleigh, and Davis. They made their second home in Palm Beach in 1999, and quickly shifted their work schedules and calendars to become permanent residents there.

Above all, Mr. Sarkis was a loving husband, father, and friend who loved life and pursued the very best of it with passion and exuberance. He was a devout Christian who generously shared his own faith and healing with others and lived life with purpose, feeling blessed for each and every day he was given.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Mr. Sarkis to support Dr. Patrick Wen's Research Fund at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284. Please write checks to Dana-Farber and include Dr. Wen's Research Fund in the memo section. To give online, please visit www.dfci.org/give.

Elliott Tracy Sr.

Elliott E. Tracy Sr., 89, of Buxton, Maine, died March 17, 2018, after a period of declining health.

He was born in Bar Harbor on June 14, 1928, a son of the late Elvin and Norine (Woodworth) Tracy, and grew up in Bar Harbor and Steuben. He graduated from Bar Harbor High School, where he played baseball and basketball, and was all-state in football. He went on to graduate from Washington Teachers College in Machias and played basketball during his college years.

Mr. Tracy proudly served his country and enlisted in both the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy and served in the Korean War.

He will always be remembered as a dedicated teacher. He taught at Gorham High School for 21 years and was involved with Bonny Eagle High School afterward.

He enjoyed harness racing and was active as a racing official, starter, judge, and a racing secretary for many years at Scarborough Downs. He was also

proud to be in the Masons.

He will always be remembered for his great sense of humor, wit, great stories, and his love of history.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Horace, Norita, and Alice; former wife, Chloe; and a son, Lyle. He is survived by his wife, Maureen (Davin); children, Elliott Jr., Holly, Julie Paulsen, and Russell; daughter-in-law, Kathy (Lyle's wife); stepchildren, Kenny Brink, Colleen Brink, and Kelly (Chris) Willey; 16 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Elliott E. Tracy Sr. Bonny Eagle Scholarship, c/o TruChoice FCU, P.O. Box 10659, Portland, ME 04104. **HB**

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Enterococcus durans is commonly isolated from the feces of young foals with diarrhea, although often with other potential pathogens. Tzipori and others concluded that the organism colonized the small intestinal mucosa and was associated with mild-to-moderate pathology. It is therefore likely that the severity of diarrhea would be inversely related to age."

In a study conducted from 1986 to 2000 on bacterial isolates and antibiotic sensitivity in septicemic neonatal foals at the University of Georgia, it was determined that "Escherichia coli was the bacteria most frequently cultured, accounting for 25 percent (114/456) of all positive bacterial cultures and 24 percent (35/147) of all positive blood cultures. The number of cultures positive for *Enterococcus* spp. and *Staphylococcus* spp. significantly increased over the time period of the study while *Salmonella* spp. and *Streptococcus* spp. cultures significantly decreased."

In her presentation, Zimmel discussed how diarrhea is a common issue with newborn foals and can be divided

into three groups: bacterial, viral and parasitic. Diarrhea is often a contributor to sepsis which can be fatal in neonatal foals.

"It is important to identify contagious causes of diarrhea to minimize the spread of disease on breeding farms," she said. "Diarrhea is one of the most common problems of newborn foals. Diarrhea can be a primary problem or secondary to sepsis. Searching for a specific pathogen in the feces of these foals is often unrewarding."

While Zimmel does not discuss how the spread of enterococci can be contained, she does reveal how the presence of these bacteria can be detected and that would be through blood cultures, fecal cultures, and fecal PCR (polymerase chain reaction) tests.

"It is important to identify a laboratory that is capable of providing an in-depth fecal analysis," she said. "Most commonly this is a state diagnostic laboratory. It is also critical to consider likely differentials when requesting tests and understand the relevance of a positive test result."

While horses can be infected with enterococcus at any age, it is most dangerous in young foals due to how swiftly they can develop sepsis. Some researchers think that they become infected by contact with contaminated feces. While they may never develop symptoms, the bacteria can continue to shed.

In order to stop the spread of bacteria, appropriate hygiene measures should be taken, such as disinfecting the barn area thoroughly, including feed tubs and water buckets. Diligent hand hygiene, including the use of gloves, is staunchly recommended.

It appears the incidence, frequency, and research of how this bacteria, which is highly resistant to most general antibiotics, impacts humans and horses remains largely nebulous.

"I think it is a fairly new problem on the scene," said Dr. Bridgette Jablonsky, farm manager at Hanover Shoe Farms. "No one seems to have direct answers about it or know much about it." **HB**

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