



UPHA Carolina's Hall of Fame Inducts Sandra Hall

The following speech was read by Mark Farrar Friday, September 16, 2016.

Tonight we want to recognize Sandra Hall as the newest member of the UPHA Carolina's Hall of Fame. Her love for the American Saddlebred, coupled with her involvement with the United Professional Horseman's Association (UPHA) and the American Saddlebred Association of the Carolinas (ASAC), reaches back many years. Her love of horses was instilled by her late father, Dozier Wallace. Her college years saw her working for Lewis Eckard and meeting her husband of 38 years, Keith, as he worked for Claude Shiflet in Asheboro. In 1984, Sandra started her own photography business, and as they say, the rest is history.

Sandra involved her whole family in horses and passed down her passion for the American Saddlebred. Daughter, Erin and Son, Wes, both showed on the local and national level. They will tell you, growing up as her children in the horse industry wasn't easy . . . because they couldn't get away with anything. Everyone knows Sandra. Every single show there were more people who had served with her on a committee for their association or worked with her fundraising for their horse show. Sandra went to conventions and shows a day early to help set up because she had yet again volunteered her time (*and sometimes theirs*) to give back to the industry where she spent her career. She doesn't do it for publicity or money and she is the last person to take the credit. She is happiest shining a light on her friends as she takes their picture.

This is why tonight is important. It is important that she know how much her efforts have not only helped the industry over the years, but that her example of tireless enthusiasm and positivity for the horses and people she loves has gone lost on no one. If you have met her once, she thinks of you as a friend. And if something needs done behind the scenes, odds are she's either done it, is currently doing it, or is somehow convincing you that you need to help her get it done.

Knowing her you understand the energy she brings to each event and have probably wondered where she gets it from. As her family and friends, we can tell you . . . that we have no idea either. If you have had the pleasure of working with her over the years, you know exactly what we're talking about. And if you haven't, don't worry . . . she doesn't appear to be slowing down anytime soon. Sandra is excited to continue her legacy with granddaughter, Berkeley, as she has officially started riding lessons this summer.

Tonight she is joined by Keith, Erin, John and Berkeley, Wes and Jill.

Please join us in recognizing Sandra Hall as the newest inductee into the UPHA Carolina's Saddlehorse Hall of Fame. Her family would like to invite everyone to Matt Shiflet Stables following the show to congratulate her on this honor.



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