

EQUINE DEATHS

CH With Style And Grace

Electric. Gifted. Incredibly game. Those are just a few descriptions of the absolutely beautiful Sir William Robert daughter, CH With Style And Grace. She sadly passed away this fall, leaving behind many great memories for Tara Grom, her family and the trainers who had been a part of her life. Out of the world's champion Periaptor daughter, Lady Peridot, With Style And Grace was bred by Kim Matoza. Robert Gardiner picked her out as a green prospect at Dena Lopez's as the mare was turning three. Co-owned with his sister, Katherine Hansil, Gardiner debuted her at Midwest, taking reserve in the UPHA Park Pleasure Classic. That fall they would be named 2008 UPHA Park Pleasure Classic Grand Champions at the Royal.

Sold to the Grom family following Kansas City that year, new trainer Michael Richardson rode and drove her during her four-year-old campaign taking such titles as the junior harness stake at Lexington Junior League, World's Champion Junior Fine Harness Mare, and Reserve World's Champion of Champions Junior Fine Harness. Dr. Alan Raun and It's Dan The Man made up the team that defeated them in the championship

Todd Miles took over the training duties in 2010, coming out with the Novice Three-Gaited Park blue at Pro-Am. Tara Grom was in the saddle by Asheville, winning the open class and finishing as Three-Gaited Park Reserve Grand Champions. After hitting a few bumps at Midwest, "Grace" came out at Shelbyville with a haircut, winning the Amateur Three-Gaited Championship. Just starting to gel, their Shelbyville momentum carried them right into Louisville where they were crowned Amateur Three-Gaited 15.2 & Under World's Champions and World's Champion of Champions Amateur Three-Gaited, defeating the likes of CH Marching Orders, Gossip Girl, and CH Heathermoor's Prince, among others. To put an explanation point on the season they were Amateur Three-Gaited National Champions and qualifying winners at the Royal.

The grand mare would win the Amateur Three-Gaited 15.2 & Under World's Championship four consecutive years, the World's Champion of Champions Amateur Three-Gaited honors two consecutive years, the Amateur Three-Gaited



Tara Grom and CH With Style And Grace won two world's champion of champions titles and four world's champion amateur under two stakes.

Reserve World's Champion of Champions two consecutive years, and in her final full season, the Ladies Amateur Under 15.2 Reserve World's Championship and Reserve World's Champion of Champions Ladies Amateur Three-Gaited honors. In four consecutive years she won three amateur national championships and an amateur ladies national championship. Tara Grom and CH With Style And Grace had raised the bar indeed. Their last performance together was a victory pass in this year's Amateur Three-Gaited Championship at Indy Charity, where they had also won the qualifier.

With the Grom family's interest in breeding American Saddlebreds, two embryos from Grace last year produced extremely beautiful Callaway's Northern Kiss fillies this year. Sweet Summer Kiss and Steal My Kisses made a big splash at the Revelation Farm Open House last month, giving them another generation to continue Grace's championship legacy.

"In one word that mare was tough," explained Todd Miles. "She was about as tough a one as I've ever worked. Their goal was for her to be a pleasure horse but that wasn't going to work so I brought her out in park and we won the novice class at Pro Am. When I came out of the ring I told the crew, 'this might be the best walk-trot horse we have.' Tara then showed her in park but she already had Perfect Vengeance to show in amateur so this mare was showing open against the trainers. I finally convinced them to trim her and when we did she was a sight. At Louisville that year she went back to the rail against Marching Orders and was just floating down the rail.

"She was so exciting, as good as one as I've put in the ring. You had to have a game plan and a routine and you couldn't vary from it. She was wonderful but just had a tough attitude about everything she did. That was just her."



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- Sharon Ralls Lemon