

# OBITUARIES



## BARRY LAUB

Barry Laub, 75, of Valparaiso, Illinois, passed away Wednesday, January 13. He was born February 6, 1945, the son of Donald and Evelyn Laub.

He graduated from Valparaiso University and then worked as a self-employed accountant in Homewood, Illinois. His true passion was horses, especially the breeding and development of Morgans and American Saddlebreds.

Laub started out with Renee Page and remained close to her up until his death. He also had horses with Sammi Hazen and eventually Jim and Fay Lowry. Some of his noted Morgans include the successful stallion, Centerpiece, as well as the multi-titled world champion Playmor's I'm A Star Too. Other show ring winners include BJL Courageous, SMS More Tinique, BJL Harlequin Romance, BJL Ransom GCH, Bellefonte, By The Bay, and CBMF Cease Fire GCH, among others.

"I sold him his first horse 22 years ago," said close friend Renee Page. "He came out to UPHA Chapter 5 to buy a horse from me but that horse wasn't for sale. I ended up selling him something else and that started a longtime association. We became best friends and talked daily, sometimes a few times a day. He was an easy going guy, always jumping in to help others.

"Barry showed every now and then but his real love was for breeding. He still has a Centerpiece daughter that we bred to Mizrahi, Merriehill After Hours, and Graycliff Tony. All three of those foals are nice."

His association with the American Saddlebred featured the likes of Callaway's See The Ghost, Roselane's Stormy Knight, Ashlyn's Elegant Lady, and the 2020 Three-Year-Old Five-Gaited Mare World's Champion and All American Cup Three-Year-Old Grand Champion, Dancing At Night.

"He loved the breeding game," said Jim Lowry. "Barry was super excited about the broodmares he had recently put together, including Clara Lynn and I'm Strapless Too, the dam of Dancing At Night. We talked a couple of times a week and the conversations usually involved bloodlines and crosses."

Laub cared deeply about others and will be remembered for his gregarious personality. He is survived by a daughter, Kristin Putman of Boulder, Colorado; a son, Kevin Laub of Stilwell, Kansas, and four grandchildren.

1 A longtime owner/breeder of top Morgans, Barry recently ventured into the American Saddlebred world and was the owner of the 2020 World's Champion Three-Year-Old Five-Gaited Mare, Dancing At Night.

2 Barry loved the breeding game and was proud of his Morgan stallion, Centerpiece.