

In Memoriam

Harry Farrow

Harry G. Farrow Jr., 84, of Harrington, Del., died Nov. 2, 2017, at the Delaware Hospice Center of Milford.

He was a former mayor of Harrington and the owner of the *Harrington Journal* newspaper whose sports section was dominated by harness racing news. More recently, he was a realtor.

Mr. Farrow was a longtime native of Harrington and grew up on the family farm, one of the earlier farms in the town of Harrington. He graduated from Harrington High School where he lettered in varsity basketball. He went on to receive two degrees, one at the University of Georgia and one at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a strong American patriot. While in the service, his Signal Corps company was placed on orders three times for Korea, and as a cryptographer, he had top-secret clearance for messages sent and received. In the 1960s, he was a loan officer for the Farmers Bank in Dover.

Mr. Farrow was a big part of the Harrington community. He served as mayor from 1987 to 1990. He was the fifth editor and former owner of the *Harrington Journal*, founded by his uncle in 1913. He also was the founder of the newspaper *Raceweek* which was dedicated to local and national auto and motorcycle racing affiliations. He remained a freelance writer and occasionally wrote for the *Delaware State News*. His passion was interviewing and writing about veterans and historical people of interest.

He was also owner of the local realty company, Farrow Realty. At the time of his passing, he worked as a broker/realtor for Lewis Realty in Lewes, Del.

Mr. Farrow was a big supporter of the harness racing industry. Growing up, he had several horses. His love of the sport began at an early age. He could be found at Dover or Harrington covering the harness races every season.

He also was an avid sports fan and made hobbies of baseball, basketball, golf, and tennis.

As part of the Harrington Community, he belonged to the Harrington Lions Club, Rotary Club, Burrsville Ruritan, and the St. Stephens Episcopal Church. The love of his community and dedication to his family will be forever missed by his loving family and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Louise Farrow. He is survived by his sons, John "Dave" (Heather) and Christopher "Todd" (Tracey Ann); and grandchildren, Abigail Kenton, Hannah Howard, and Madelyn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

Edward Gilman

Edward Gilman, 78, of Exeter, N.H., died Nov. 12, 2017, at the Exeter Hospital.

He was born in Boston, Mass., the son of the late Daniel E. and Lillian H. (Toland) Gilman. He was a graduate of Exeter High School, Class of 1957, and attended the University of New Hampshire.

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Mr. Gilman's love of horses started as a young boy when he learned the trade from his father. His harness racing career started with his father racing at the fairs in New England. He also raced at Hinsdale Raceway (where he won numerous driving titles), Rockingham Park, and Bay State Raceway (aka Foxboro). At the Rochester Fair he won the Jess Brown driving championship.

He also was a letter carrier at the Exeter Post Office for 15 years.

Family members include his son, Mark (Cathy); daughters, Kim Diaos-Gilman (Greg) and Kerry; granddaughter, Sara (Long) Marcheterre; and his longtime partner, Barbara Gilmore.

Phyllis Hodgkins

Phyllis Hodgkins, 88, died peacefully at her home in Oviedo, Fla., on Nov. 28, 2017, after a short battle with cancer.

She was born Feb. 18, 1929, in Melfort, Saskatchewan, the daughter of Martin Luther (Lou) and Mary Ida Loblaw. She was preceded in death by her husband, Merle J. Hodgkins Jr., in 1991.

Her love of harness racing began with

her traveling to the local tracks with her dad to help him race his stable. After attending two years of college, she came to the U.S. as assistant to race secretary Ed Keller. She travelled to California, Toronto, and Foxboro, Mass. There she met her husband, Merle, where they settled in his hometown of Greene, Maine.

She worked side-by-side with him, training a stable and building their business, Maine Horse Supply. They built one of the few companies in the country that built jog carts and sulkies, the Mainliner brand. Mrs. Hodgkins was always on the road selling tack and delivering new and refinished bikes to most of the tracks in New England.

But she always found a way to get back on the track to train her favorite trotters and pacers. Her favorites were Mary Ida and Lou Mills (named after her parents), and her best horse was Royal Turk. Many folks commented on how she could handle any "puller" when others could not. The Hodgkinses also bred horses on their farm in Wales, Maine.

She moved to Oviedo, Fla., in 1979, traveling north in the summers to race

for a few months. After her stable days, she worked for 20 years at the local drug store. She made friends with everyone and was considered an exceptional friend by all, as she always kept in touch with her friends from childhood, racing, and her YMCA swim group. She traveled the world later in life and enjoyed meeting new people.

She is survived by her daughters, Jan Gilmour and Karen MacDonell; son-in-law, Soupy MacDonell; and grandson, Bret Gilmour. She was a proud grandmother and would brag to anyone she could about Bret's hockey games. She was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Lloyd Gilmour, earlier this year.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Standardbred Retirement Foundation, 353 Sweetmans Lane, Ste. 101, Millstone Twp., NJ 08535 (www.adoptahorse.org).

Eugene Hurt

Eugene William "Gene" Hurt, 65, of Canonsburg, Pa., died Nov. 17, 2017, in North Strabane Rehabilitation and Wellness Center following a lengthy illness.

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He was born June 11, 1952, in Chicago, Ill., a son of the late Frank Eugene and Yvonne Lee Hunter Hurt. Mr. Hurt was Protestant. He was employed for more than 30 years as a trainer-driver at The Meadows.

Mr. Hurt was a member of Fraternal Order of Bears, Meadow Lands, and was a social member of Houston American Legion. He enjoyed fishing and golf.

Surviving are two daughters, Timmi Nicole (Matthew) Roberts and Erin Melissa Troutman; stepson, John Burnette; brothers, Frank (Mary) Goodman, Danny (Bonnie) Goodman, Thomas (Averi) Goodman, and David (Penny); grandchildren, Matthew Hawk, Christopher Troutman, Pfc. Shawn (Autumn) Troutman, U.S. Army, Samantha Beckwith (Cpl. Jesse Beckwith, U.S. Marine Corps), Emilie Troutman, and Caleb Roberts; and a great-grandson, Greyson Hawk. He was preceded in death by his wife, Deborah Kay Hurt; and a sister, Ellen Jent.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Warcofalvo Funeral Home Inc., 336 Wilson Ave., Washington, PA 15301 (www.warcofalvofuneralhome.com).

Margaret Preston

Western New York horsewoman Margaret Preston, 92, died on Nov. 22, 2017.

She was born Oct. 31, 1926, the daughter of the late William and Marie (Cleary) Preston.

She is survived by her sister, Maureen Kingston; nieces and nephew, Maura (Emil) Kostraba, John (Beth) Kingston, Sheila Kingston (Wes Clements), and Andrea (Jon) Bailey; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother-in-law, David Kingston.

She was an avid horsewoman who raced harness horses for many years. She bred and owned several Standardbred racehorses in addition to training and driving them. Her last win in the sulky came with trotter Serious Fan at the Palmyra Fair in a New York County Fair Stakes in 2009 at age 82.

She was a member of the USTA and the Western New York Harness Horsemen's Association.

Besides racing horses, she retired from

the Dundee Central School District as a librarian media specialist.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Agnes Cemetery, 96 Prospect St., Avon, NY 14414 or St. Rose Cemetery, P.O. Box 8A, Lima, NY 14485 (both at www.saintagnesepaulrose.org).

Dr. Jack Swagler

Dr. Jack P. Swagler, 79, died Nov. 17, 2017.

Dr. Swagler was a 1966 graduate of The Ohio State School of Veterinary Medicine and a longtime member of the USTA. He was the chief operating officer of R Knoll Farm, based in Lebanon, Ohio, where he resided. He also participated in the sport as a trainer and driver.

He was the loving husband of Cindy (nee Apking); the beloved father of Penny (Dave) Lawrence, Susan (Roy) Wilson, Greg and Erin (Rob) Clendenin; dear stepfather of Jon (Shauna) Brown and Kevin (Jillian) Brown; and is survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Ada; siblings, Joan Jarvis and John; and son, Paul.

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IN	Proper Respect	P	Hickory Ridge Farm	Lou Tomczak, Jr	1,500	
IN	Real Desire	P	Ivy Lane Farm	Irving Bork	3,500	
MD	Charlie de Vie	T	Fox Den Farm	Joie de Vie Farms	1,500	
NY	Manningly	T	Morrisville College	Morrisville College	2,500	
NY	Quality of Life	P	Surf Cast Paradise	John Prescott	1,000	
NY	Third Straight	P	Morrisville College	Morrisville College	1,000	
OH	Lucky Chucky	T	Cool Winds Farm	Perretti Farms	3,000	
OH	Powerful Toy	P	ATI-OSU	Jeff and Mary Stacy	750	
OH	Three Olives	P	ATI-OSU	Jeff and Mary Stacy	750	
OH	Well Said	P	Sugar Valley Farm	Jeff Snyder	5,000	

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Dr. Swagler was a dear friend of Marty Woebkenberg, Mark Graber, and Doug Stovall.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cincinnati SPCA (www.spcacincinnati.org).

James Thurlow

James E. Thurlow, 84, a resident of Gladwin, Mich., died Nov. 9, 2017, at the Gladwin Nursing and Rehabilitation Community.

He was born Nov. 6, 1933, to Guy and Veda Thurlow in Gladwin Township. Mr. Thurlow was a proud member of the U.S. Army.

He was employed for many years as a fire officer for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Following his retirement, he worked for Sugar Springs Sporting Clays. He loved harness racing and fishing. He was a Golden Glove boxer and also boxed while he was in the Army.

Mr. Thurlow is survived by his wife, Linda; children, Guy (Maureen), Julie (Bill) Drumm, Jami (Mark) Feldman, Chris, Mike, Dick (Donna) Pauley, and Suzanne Pauley; 16 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and siblings, Gayle, Joyce Fortuna, and Connie Brent. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Elwood and Ken.

Amy Wildman

Amy C. Wildman, 47, died Nov. 11, 2017.

She is survived by her parents, William and Emily; brother, Brian (Barbara); nephews, Justin, Lucas, and Nicholas; special friends, Jenna and Julie; and extended family and friends.

She was the longtime owner of Amy Wildman Staking and loved all animals, especially horses.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Franklin County Dog Shelter and Adoption Center at www.franklincountydogs.com or to the charity of your choice.

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USTA District Meeting Dates

2017/2018 Schedule

District	Day/Date	Place	*Nominating Petitions Postmark Deadline	**Receipt of Ballot Deadline
#1	Sat., Jan. 13, 2018	Doubletree Columbus-Worthington, Columbus, OH	Nov. 24, 2017	Jan. 9, 2018
#2	Sat., Oct. 7, 2017	Northville Downs, Northville, MI	Aug. 18, 2017	Oct. 3, 2017
#3	Sun., Jan. 7, 2018	Hilton Arden West, Sacramento, CA	Nov. 18, 2017	Jan. 3, 2018
#4A	Sat., Jan. 13, 2018	Adventureland Inn, Altoona, IA	Nov. 24, 2017	Jan. 9, 2018
#4B	Sat., Jan. 27, 2018	Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, Madison, WI	Dec. 8, 2017	Jan. 23, 2018
#5	Sat., Jan. 20, 2018	Poe's Catering on the Hill, Springfield, IL	Dec. 1, 2017	Jan. 16, 2018
#6	Sat., Oct. 7, 2017	The Red Mile Clubhouse, Lexington, KY	Aug. 18, 2017	Oct. 3, 2017
#7	Sat., Jan. 13, 2018	Bedford Springs Omni Hotel & Resort, Bedford, PA	Nov. 24, 2017	Jan. 9, 2018
#8	Sun., Nov. 19, 2017	Saratoga Casino & Raceway, Saratoga, NY	Sept. 30, 2017	Nov. 15, 2017
#8A	Sat., Jan. 20, 2018	Good Time Room, Yonkers Raceway, Yonkers, NY	Dec. 1, 2017	Jan. 16, 2018
#9	Sat., Jan. 20, 2018	Le Club Calumet, Augusta, ME	Dec. 1, 2017	Jan. 16, 2018
#11	Fri., Dec. 1, 2017	Harrington Raceway & Casino/Gold Room, Harrington, DE	Oct. 12, 2017	Nov. 27, 2017
#12	Fri., Oct. 13, 2017	Freehold Raceway, Freehold, NJ	Aug. 24, 2017	Oct. 9, 2017

* Article 4.02(a) "Nomination for Director shall be made by filing a written petition signed by at least 25 voting members from his district to be filed at the Main Office of the Association at Westerville, Ohio, at least 50 days before the election. Nominating petitions forwarded by mail shall be by registered mail, return receipt requested, and shall be considered filed as of the postmark date. All others shall be considered filed at the time they are actually received at the Main Office of the Association..."

** Article 4.02(f) "...the deadline for receipt of ballots...shall be four days prior to the Annual District Meeting."

In accordance with Article 4.02, the Certified Public Accounting Firm is determined to be Plante & Moran, PLLC, 250 South High Street, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43215.