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## In Memoriam

### William Bailey

William Bailey, 54, died Sept. 27, 2018, at home surrounded by loved ones after an arduous battle with cancer.

Mr. Bailey was destined to enter the harness racing industry. He was born in DeLand, Fla., on April 6, 1964, to Jack Bailey and Ann Canton (daughter of Elzoara and Leon Canton).

He began riding and driving ponies at a young age and eventually assisted his father's racing stable, grooming and training the racehorses under his father's direction.

Being young and of an independent nature, he moved west to Ohio. He began grooming and training for Gil Short. He had a successful career in Ohio racing/driving in the Ohio Sire Stakes and Grand Circuit. He became the youngest harness racing driver to win the (Little Brown) Jug Preview in 1988 with Archie Almahurst. He then returned to New York to launch his own racing stable based at Vernon Downs. In 1991, he won the Dick Mumpton Memorial Award for up-and-coming drivers. He raced primarily in New York and Pennsylvania while remaining based out of Vernon for the remainder of his racing career.

Mr. Bailey was known for his sense of humor and general good will. He could make anyone laugh or smile when needed. He enjoyed sports and was a fan of Syracuse basketball, the Dallas Cowboys, the New York Yankees and NASCAR.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ann Canton; father, Jack; sister, Deborah Dougherty; and brother, Jack L. He is survived by his longtime companion/wife, Ann Yurenka; stepmother, Madeline; children, Leon, Nichole, Kayla Lum and Ashley Eldred; siblings, James, Jeff (Amy), Jaclyn and Debra (William) Cook; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Standardbred Retirement Foundation at [www.adoptahorse.org](http://www.adoptahorse.org) and/or the hospice of your choice.

### Jeanne Black

Jeanne Black, 68, died at Marion General Hospital, Marion, Ind., on Sept. 2, 2018.

She was born in Peru, Ind., on Sept.

30, 1949, to the late Harry B. and Janet E. (Retherford) Sowash.

Mrs. Black was a 1967 graduate of Oak Hill High School and attended Indiana Business College. On April 15, 1970, she married Robert D. Black, who survives.

Together, the couple raced Standardbreds for many years while managing part of the Sowash Family Stable in the Midwest and later training for owners, primarily at Chicago-area tracks.

After retiring from horse racing, Mrs. Black served as a cashier at Walmart for 14 years in Marion, Ind. She attended church at Jalapa Chapel. In her free time, she enjoyed sewing, word search puzzles and spending time with her beloved dog, Misty.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Black is also survived by her daughter, Stephanie L.; sisters, Trudy A. Sowash, Joanne (Thom) Young and Julie A. (Gary) Green; brother-in-law, Jim McCann; and seven nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her brother, Jerry L. Sowash; and sister, Patty A. McCann.

### Dan Bowermaster

Longtime Standardbred trainer, driver and owner Dan Bowermaster, 67, of DeLeon Springs, Fla., died Sept. 23, 2018.

He was born in Fairfield, Iowa, on Jan. 17, 1951, to the late Willard and Marjorie Bowermaster.

Mr. Bowermaster was a friend to all who knew him, with a passion for the harness racing industry. He started working with horses at the age of 12 and began his driving career on the Iowa fair circuit. He accumulated more than 550 wins as a driver racing at Balmoral Park, Sportsman's Park, Pompano Park and Quad City Downs, but his biggest accolades came on the training side of the business. Throughout his training career, Mr. Bowermaster campaigned the winners of more than \$1.8 million in purse earnings and multiple stakes winners throughout the Midwest.

Mr. Bowermaster trained the pacing mare Figmental, who was a five-time winner throughout her short racing career. But her biggest accomplishments came in the breeding shed. As a broodmare, she produced Indiana Sire Stakes winners Marks-Mindy

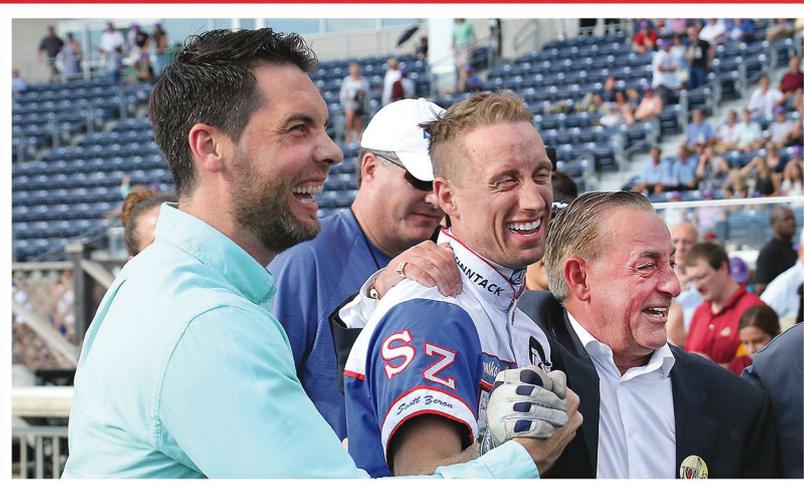


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p,4,1:52.2 (\$353,525), Marky Mike p,5,1:52.1 (\$338,240) and Mark's Way p,4,1:51.4 (\$191,737), all of which were trained by Mr. Bowermaster in the early stages of their careers. Then came Mykindachip p,8,1:49.1 (\$823,957), who garnered multiple Indiana Sire Stakes wins throughout his 2- and 3-year-old seasons with Mr. Bowermaster as trainer and owner. Mykindachip was Mr. Bowermaster's favorite horse.

Aside from harness racing, Mr. Bowermaster also enjoyed NASCAR racing and spending time with his family and friends. Most recently, he enjoyed following the successes of his only son, Shane Bowermaster, who is currently the third leading trainer at Hoosier Park for the 2018 season with 49 trips to the winner's circle.

In addition to son, Shane, and daughter-in-law, Jody, Mr. Bowermaster is survived by two sisters and many close friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Vocations at [www.horseadoption.com](http://www.horseadoption.com).

### L. Edward Fortney

L. Edward Fortney, 89, of Attica, Ohio, died Sept. 19, 2018, at The Willows in Bellevue.

Mr. Fortney was born April 4, 1929, in Attica, to Lloyd E. and Elizabeth (Berger) Fortney. He married Rebecca A. Chenault on June 2, 1951, in Memphis, Tenn., and she preceded him in death on May 24, 2011.

He retired in 1991 from Pioneer Rubber Co. in Attica, as a plant supervisor.

He attended the Union Pisgah United Methodist Church Attica; was a 1948 graduate of Attica High school; a U.S. Air Force Korean Conflict veteran, serving as a flight engineer; and a member and past commander of the Attica American Legion Post No. 260.

Mr. Fortney was a member of the USTA and the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association, and was a harness horseman for 65 years as an owner, trainer and driver.

He was also a little league baseball coach.

He is survived by his sons, Kenneth (Mary) and Mark (Elaine); daughters, Peggy (Larry) Beck and Nancy (Rodney) Watson; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; sister, Anna Mary Smythe; and lifelong friend, Norma

Ender. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Elvin, Orrie, Ralph, Glenn and an infant brother; and sisters, Bernice Shontz, Audrey Meredith and Nellie Ruth Diehl.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association at [www.ohha.com](http://www.ohha.com); Attica American Legion No. 260, 17 W. Tiffin St., Attica, Ohio 44807; and the Attica Senior Fair Board at <http://atticafair.com/>.

### Millard Jennings

Millard Jennings, 78, known to friends as M.J., died Sept. 3, 2018, at Kent General Hospital in Dover, Del.

Mr. Jennings began working at the age of 14 as a logger, but his passion for horses took over. He was an avid horseman and began working with horses at Holland and Webster Horse Farm in Elizabeth City, N.C., before moving north to Maryland. He continued his career of training and driving racehorses in Maryland for nearly 40 years.

He is survived by his children, Donna, James, Sherri Bundy and Kenny; grandchildren, Eric Harrell, Wray King, Justin, JR Bundy, Matthew, and Alex Bundy; and great-grandchildren, Kyleigh, Macy Soria and Jameson King. He was preceded in death by his parents, Millard M. and Axie; siblings, Pearl Temple and Martha; daughter, Cindy Harrell; grandchildren, Dustin Harrell and Aaron King; and great-granddaughter, Riley Soria.

### Gary Junk

Gary Dwyer Junk, DVM, 69, of Washington Court House, Ohio, died Sept. 18, 2018, at his home while surrounded by loved ones.

Dr. Junk was born Sept. 28, 1948, in Columbus, Ohio, to Dick R. and Carolyn Dwyer Junk. He was a 1966 graduate of Miami Trace High School and a 1975 graduate of The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Upon graduation, he began his veterinary career with his father. He later established the Fayette Veterinary Hospital. Dr. Daryl Waits joined the practice in 1998. Dr. Junk became American Animal Hospital Association certified in 1988.

He was a member of the American, Ohio and Southern Ohio veterinary medical associations and volunteered his services as a veterinarian to the

Fayette County Fair for more than 40 years. He was a huge supporter of 4-H, FFA and the youth of Fayette County.

Dr. Junk was a breeder and owner of Standardbreds and was a member of the USTA and the Fayette County Harness Horsemen's Association. He also enjoyed agriculture and farming. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and a member and past president of the Washington Rotary Club.

On Dec. 28, 1981, he married the former Donna Mary Nieman. She preceded him in death on Dec. 23, 2007. He was also preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by a brother, Paul (Alexis); sisters, Marilyn (Larry) Schmitz and Kathy Howard; brother-in-law, Brad Nieman; several nieces and nephews; his significant other, Lisa Custis; and special friends, Nick and Sunny Cummings, Grenetta and Mark Ritenour, and Dr. Daryl and Kris Waits.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, 301 East Market St., Washington Court House, OH 43160 or the Junk Scholarship Fund at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Office of Advancement, 127 Veterinary Medicine Academic Building, 1900 Coffey Rd., Columbus, OH 43210.

### Marjorie Marean Poole

Marjorie Irene Lombard Marean Poole, 100, died Sept. 25, 2018, at Gorham House, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Portland, Maine, on Nov. 28, 1917, to Guy and Clara (Littlefield) Lombard. She attended school in Standish where she met and married Carl Marean and had five children.

She was a homemaker up until she went to work at George E. Jack School's lunch program, where she eventually became the manager. Lovingly known as Nannie Poole, she served the community's children for 35 years. In addition, she played a vital role in the consolidation of SAD 6.

She spent her summers as the head cook at Camp Sunningdale and Luther Gulick girls' camps.

She was a member of the Standish Congregational Church, a Past Matron of Dawn of Hope Chapter, and a lifetime member of Cornerstone Chapter OES.

She enjoyed crocheting, reading, cooking, traveling, rides to the casino, watching the Red Sox and, most of all,

spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Carl E. Marean; second husband, Atwood P. Poole; daughter, Diane Marean Gryskwicz; and daughter-in-law, Jane Marean. She is survived by her children, Neal (Bevalie) Marean, USTA director Donald (Linda) Marean, Carl Marean, and Clifton (Carroll) Marean; son-in-law, Gerald Gryskwicz; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren and counting.

The family extends gratitude to the caregivers at the Gorham House for their attention and loving care during her stay there.

Memorial contributions may be made to Catherine's Cupboard St. Joseph's College, 278 White's Bridge Rd., Standish, ME 04084 ([www.sjcme.edu/donate](http://www.sjcme.edu/donate)).

### **Milton Wahl**

Milton S. Wahl, 90, of Wilmington, Del., died Aug. 30, 2018.

Born in Wilmington to the late Julius and Bella Wahl, he attended P.S. DuPont High School; the University of

Delaware; and Indiana University in Indianapolis, Ind., where he earned his M.D. degree.

While doing his residency in otorhinolaryngology in New York, he married Gail Rubenstein of Wilmington. They subsequently moved to Florida where he was a captain in the U.S. Air Force, practicing otorhinolaryngology at Eglin Air Force Base. In 1959, the couple returned to Wilmington where Dr. Wahl was in private practice for 20 years. He was particularly fond of working at St. Francis Hospital and also enjoyed treating children.

He was a racquet sports enthusiast, playing tennis in the warmer months and squash in the winter.

He was the owner of multiple Standardbreds, including Ricky Joe and Cajun Brother. He loved spending time at Brandywine Raceway and nearby Winterset Farm. Racing was a family activity which included frequent travel to tracks from Washington, D.C., to New York. It was a very sad day for Dr. Wahl when Brandywine Raceway closed in 1989.

Dr. Wahl also loved classical music, especially chamber music. He would al-

ways arrive early to get a front-row seat.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Health Center at Stonegates in Greenville, Del., for the excellent care Dr. Wahl received during his last two months. They are also grateful for the support of Ray Holback during the last few years of Dr. Wahl's life.

He was preceded in death by siblings, Robert, Betty and Mervin. He is survived by his wife, Gail (Rubenstein); children, Jeffrey (Linda), Beth (Jack) and Stephen (Susan); and grandchildren, Daniel, Michael, Rachel, Kathryn, Hayley and Hannah.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 15120, Chicago, IL 60693 ([www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)); or Temple Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802 ([bethemethde.org](http://bethemethde.org)). **HB**

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