

# Obituary...

## Paul St. Charles

Well-known Ohio horseman Paul Thomas St. Charles, 78, passed away on Wednesday, October 31, 2012, after battling cancer.

Always known for providing a good laugh and being the life of the party, Paul loved people and enjoyed the simple things in life. He was originally from Kentucky where he started his career as an eight-year-old traveling to county fairs accompanied by his father and three-gaited pony, Sassy Lady. Paul went on to become a successful horseman and consultant for over 50 years. He was the owner and trainer of the major horse operation, St. Charles Stables, located in Richfield, Ohio. He later moved his career to Michigan and back again to Ohio in recent years.

If you were in the market to buy a horse, Paul was your guy. He nearly always teamed up a rider that had a particular need with the right horse. He had a "real eye" for a horse and many would not purchase a horse until Paul's favorable opinion was given. Many of his deals were put together with long-time friend Donna Moore.

"Paul was like a second dad to me. As long as I can remember he's been in my life," reflected Melissa Moore. "He was always at the farm, especially when we first moved to Kentucky from Illinois. He and mom would travel and put more deals together. They had a lot of fun.

"I remember one night they had a big poker game in our basement, Paul, Tom Stone, mom, several of them. The next morning when I went out to go to school, Paul's car had a 'For Sale' sign on it. He was always a character, always had a story to tell. He was also responsible for my first customer (Alene Garlick) when I went out on my own."

In addition to being a sought after agent, Paul was also a very successful trainer of show ring champions. Some of the horses that helped make St. Charles Stables famous were Fancy Stonewall, Ooh La La, Well Chosen, Victory Coin, Lady Fair, Bugaloo Kalu, Sequoia, Spartans Prince Charming, April Highlights and Perfect Vengeance.

Preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Rose St. Charles; brothers, Frank and Joseph; and sister, Rose; Paul is survived by ex-wife and lasting friend, Kendra St. Charles; daughter, Tracy (Joseph, Jr.) Pittello; grandchildren, Christopher and Luca who affectionately referred to Paul as "PawPaw."

Memorial donations can be made to Akron General Hospice Fund, 400 Wabash Ave., Akron, Ohio 44307 or the Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation., P.O. Box 13805, Akron, Ohio 44333.



*Paul St. Charles always had a smile and a good story to tell. He was a friend to many.*



*From way back in the archives this Saddle Horse Report candid features John T. Jones, Donna Moore, Bridget Parker and Paul St. Charles. Moore and St. Charles were great friends and did a lot of business together over the years.*

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## Riley Shiflet

A person who loved life every day and loved horses and people in the horse business, Riley Shiflet of Churchville, Va., passed away recently at the age of 83. The son of Edna and Dyche Shiflet and brother of Claude Shiflet, Riley lived a quarter of a mile from the family's home-stead his entire adult life.

Shiflet was known throughout the southeast for building horse barns, arenas and feeding sheds. "He never advertised his business and never wanted for a day's work," said Claude Shiflet.

Shiflet was also an avid horseman, working some horses at home as well as keeping some in training with Claude and some with his son, noted Virginia trainer Billy Shiflet. He showed up and down the Shenandoah Valley, never missing a Saturday night horse show, in addition to making the major shows throughout the southeast. Among his stars were Dark Lady Luck, Shamrock's Free Spirit, Goodwill Hunting, Gaitwood's Whiz Kid, Graptree's Prima Donna, Brushcreek's Spellbinder, Olympiad, Supreme Inheritance and Hi On Heir.

"All he knew outside of building barns was horses," said Bill Shiflet. "He lived for horses and going to horse shows. He was good to a lot of people."

In addition to his son Billy, Shiflet had three daughters.



*Riley Shiflet loved his gaited horses, especially Olympiad.*