

# Nancy ANDERSON

by Bob Funkhouser



*There was a special bond between Nancy and her Penny.*



*Nancy Anderson and CH Callaway's Pretty Penny ruled the country pleasure driving division with 16 world's champion of champions and world's champion titles.*



*Back together again Bob and Nancy Anderson enjoyed life and the sport of showing horses and ponies to the fullest. And by the way, this candid was from Howie's wedding.*

## WHAT A COMPETITOR!

The passing of Nancy Anderson on August 23 at the age of 83, was a sad day for all those who knew her. Most of us, including her grandchildren, were at the World's Championship Horse Show, enjoying time with friends and competing among the best of the best. For many years the Plainfield, IL, resident had been a part of that competitive week, and more often than not, she was the best of the best having an eight year run with her partner CH Callaway's Pretty Penny as the World's Champion of Champions Country Pleasure Driving team.

Don't let that grandmotherly smile and bubbly personality fool you. She was there to win. She loved to compete as much as she loved her record setting bay mare. Nancy was also far more than a passenger/driver, she was a horsewoman. She and her late husband Bob were great competitors and passed their love of showing horses to their family. They traveled as a family and competed as a family. Grandson Zach Meyer dedicated his 2016 World's Champion of Champions Junior Exhibitor Hackney Pleasure Driving Pony title with Heartland Accolade to the memory of both his late grandparents.

"A fierce competitor," is the way trainer Lynda Freseth described Nancy. Lynda and Andy had been friends with the Andersons long before they moved Hollow Haven Farm to Wisconsin. When they did, the Andersons were customers of Bonnie Byrne's and stayed on with the Freseths.

"When she came out of a class she would listen to see if they said unanimous or not and if they didn't she would be peeved. 'Who didn't like Penny?' she would ask. It was all about Penny. Also, I remember one time at Milwaukee we had back-to-back horses and I warmed up Penny instead of Andy. I was driving around thinking this mare is pulling my arms out of their socket. I pulled in and said, 'Nancy this mare feels a little strong tonight. If you have a problem holding her just let me know.' She looked at me and said, 'The more she pulls the better she is so we'll be wonderful tonight. That lady was game to the core.

"As a family Nancy and Bob and the kids just loved this. Linda [Meyer] took Nancy to Blue Ridge this year and she loved every minute of it. She and Bob loved the horses and the people and being able to do this together. They were so supportive of each other.

"The thing I'm going to miss about her most is most everyone else you don't really know what they're thinking but you always knew exactly what Nancy was thinking. She always expressed her love, devotion and support and also didn't have a lick of trouble with criticism. And it didn't have to be over much," chuckled Lynda.

Away from the show ring Nancy was that loving grandmother figure. She enjoyed time with her friends and family and always asked about your family and things going on in your life. Also, you never knew where you might see

her. Ten years ago Howie and Megan Schatzberg were married on the Virgin Island of St. John. Several horse friends attended the wedding and the night before the couple held a party at a favorite beachside establishment. Lo and behold who came walking down the beach to join the party, Nancy and Bob Anderson who had taken the ferry from their beloved home on the nearby island of Tortola. They heard there was a party and they didn't want to miss it! They were back again the next day for the wedding.

"Yes, they were wedding crashers," laughed Howie. "That started a great friendship that we really appreciated. We had known Bob and Nancy as customers but after that there were many calls, gifts and special things they would do. Nancy always had a way of making you feel special."

Grandchildren Whitney Anderson, Brianna Meyer and Zach Meyer continue the love of showing horses and ponies, Whitney on the west coast and Brianna and Zach in Wisconsin. Her children Keith Anderson, his wife Mimi and son Matthew, and daughter Linda Meyer and her husband Blair also survive Nancy.

Services were held for Nancy on Tuesday, August 30 with internment at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL. Memorials can be made to the American Saddle Horse Museum, Lexington, KY, or the American Cancer Society, 17060 Oak Park, Ave., Tinley Park, IL 60477.