

Over the past forty plus years, there are very few Quarter Horse people in Iowa whose lives have not been touched by Larry Hansch and his Iowa Quarter Horse Hall of Fame father, Lawrence Hansch.

Larry Lee Hansch was born in Ft Dodge Iowa in 1957. He was raised in Vincent Iowa with his father, Lawrence, his mother, Hazel, and his brother, Lane. Early in his career Larry worked for the Middlekoop's in Packwood, Iowa, had his own operation in Pella, Iowa, and had Illinois opportunities with the Bingham's and Richland Farms. He later moved to Davenport Iowa where he owned and operated Cedar Ridge Farm. All these opportunities gave him a chance to hone his skills to become a top all around trainer and judge. In almost all cases, his many loyal customers followed and supported him in each endeavor.

Larry grew up watching his dad break and train horses. Together they would travel to IQHA horse shows. As a youth Larry won the Iowa Youth Quarter Horse Sportsmanship Award, and showed at the youth world three times. He started training for the public at the age of 15.

Rick Bailey says of his friend, "His business grew because he is kind and respectful to his horses and his customers. He puts some good into all of his horses and his friends." Larry's easy going personality belies his quick wit. He has an easy smile and loves to laugh and tell a story or a joke. Larry has many friends and he is a friend to all.

As an adult Larry won the Iowa Professional Horseman award three times. Larry has been an active member of the IQHA, coaching and training numerous amateur and youth Congress and World Show Champions. For IQHA, Larry trained several all-around High Point Champions, as well as serving as district one director, and director at large.

Larry is well known for being encouraging and supporting new people to the industry. Over the course of his career, he unselfishly has helped many young trainers hone their skills by demonstrating true professional horsemanship and courtesy.

During his own show career, he showed and trained eight AQHA champions. In recent years he showed What Matters Most to win the 2015 intermediate World Champion Performance Stallion, and showed Maid in Hooville to 2016 Reserve Congress Champion in Hunter Under Saddle Longe Line.

Larry holds judging cards with the AQHA, NSBA, APHA, and WCHA. He has judged the world show for each of these associations which signifies and exemplifies the respect he has earned from his peers and the exhibitors who have shown to him.

Larry currently resides in Nocona, Texas with his wife Nancy Sue where they own and operate Show Stop Farm. When Larry isn't going to horse shows judging, exhibiting, or working with mares and foals in Nocona, TX, he can be found hanging out with his grandson Brim Brockmueller.

It is with great pride that I present this year's inductee into the Iowa Quarter Horse Hall of Fame, Larry Hansch.