

LIFE & TIMES

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MARYLAND WILL MISS...

Jeff Becker

Submitted by Wendy Schuler

Jeffrey Eric Becker, Maryland horse trainer, rider and equestrian coach, died on January 19 in Washington, DC. He was 61. Jeff had been involved in the Maryland horse industry all his life, and he truly loved horses. He trained numerous horses and students to compete successfully in local and rated competitions. He had also competed extensively himself.

Jeff owned Lakeside Stables in Poolesville for many years, at which he trained and boarded horses and trained adult and young adult riders. He was coach of the Georgetown University Club Equestrian Team from 2008 -2018 and took the team to the IHSA national

championship. He coached the American University Equestrian Team for several years as well.

Students and team members praised his extensive knowledge and passion for horses, as well as his talent for teaching. One of his greatest accomplishments was his success in bringing out the best in horse and rider combinations. Students also admired his understanding of the individual horses in his care and how he worked with each to produce a happy and reliable partner.

He is survived by his wife, Kasey; his mother, Elaine Becker; his sister, Wendy Schuler; and his nephew, Scott.



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Gilbert Clifford Breeding of Finksburg died on February 25 at the age of 85. Gilbert was a US Army veteran and a forest ranger with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. He was an avid rodeo rider and also often competed in local jousting tournaments. In 1973, he was awarded the Conservation Educator of the Year award through the Maryland Wildlife Federation and in 2020, he was inducted into the Carroll County Department of Parks and Recreation Hall of Fame with his wife Janet Breeding. The couple had been married for 59 years.

COMINGS & GOINGS

Chesapeake Therapeutic Riding Center recently elected **Sarah Ortiz-Brown** and **Mary "Posie" Thompson** to its Board of Directors.