



Karl Koontz

December 31, 1969 - November 22, 2013

Obituary of Karl Koontz Ocala - Karl D. Koontz, passed away November 22, 2013 at Hospice's Legacy House after a short illness. Born in Westminster, MD to Garry and Marie Kauffman Koontz, Karl married Bina Carbaugh, also of Westminster, in 1952. Karl and Bina moved to Ocala in 1958 where he joined Joe O'Farrell at the newly established Ocala Stud. Soon after, Karl became the first editor and sales manager of the Florida Horse. In 1962 Karl and Bina returned to Virginia where he worked as the Sales Manager for Spur Magazine with Paul Fout. However, the lure of the warmer climes of Ocala drew them back in 1968 where they remained. Later, Karl became the farm manager of Lin-Drake Farm. After semi-retiring, Karl joined Mike O'Farrell, Joe's son, at Ocala Stud where he assisted in the office. A member of the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association, Karl was an advocate for the Florida Thoroughbred. Karl was preceded in death by his wife, Bina and his sister Dorothy Koontz Starner. Survivors include his daughter, Midge Koontz of Citra, his brother Gary Koontz, and niece Susan Starner Cooney and nephew William Starner, Jr. Visitation will be held Wednesday, November 23, 2013 at 10:30; services at 11:00 at Roberts Downtown Chapel, with internment immediately following at Woodlawn Cemetery. Donations in Karl's memory may be made to The Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, Old Friends Equine for retired Thoroughbreds, or your preferred dog or horse rescue organization.

Tribute Wall



“ *Karl Koontz*

June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *On behalf of our staff at Roberts Funeral Homes, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the entire family during this difficult time.*

Todd McBride - November 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM