

Pete Mouw was an avid horseman in the Midwest since the early 1960's. He owned over 160 racehorses in his career and was active in breeding as well, shown as the breeder of record on 90 horses registered with the USTA. One of the most notable horses Pete owned only earned \$530 and took a record of p2:04.4, but went on to an outstanding stallion career in the Midwest. "NATIVE REWARD" the son of BG's Bunny, produced such standouts as SIOUXLAND REWARD p5 1:55-\$192,100, SIOUXLAND DAN p7 1:55.1 \$103,093, and SIOUXLAND BIG CHIEF p6 1:53 \$70,314. All totaled NATIVE REWARD sired 68 foals that raced with 19 in 2:00 & 5 in 1:55. total earnings of over 1.3 million dollars. The prominent "SIOUXLAND" name on a horse usually meant Pete had a hand in breeding that horse.

Siouxland Reward was inducted into the Iowa Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 1998. Pete was inducted into the Iowa Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 2001. Pete was introduced at that induction with the four "F's" that have carried through in his life, his Faith; his wife Freda; his Family; and Fast horses. Pete will also be remembered for his kindness, his gentle approach dealing with horses and people, that earned the respect of fans and competitors alike.

Freda was the other half of the picture. She was never one to be hands on with the horses but was always along for support. Freda kept the family in line and fed. Horse racing was a family affair. The early years started out with a wooden box topper on the pickup cooking off a hot plate. In the mid 60's a horse named Evening Sky was the bread winner. A pickup camper was purchased and an ice box and a three-burner stove was a welcome addition. The later years were enjoyed in a fifth wheel horse trailer with living quarters with all the amenities. She thought that was the best. Freda will be remembered for her faith, her kindness, her excellent cooking, her wonderful smile and her ability to turn a pari-mutuel race track dorm room into a home away from home.