

## **Don Blazer**

June 2, 1939 - April 7, 2014

The energy that is Don Blazer, 74, changed form on April 7, 2014, at the home he loved, with his wife and daughter by his side in Bulverde, TX.

Don was born June 2, 1939, in Camden, New Jersey; the family soon moved to Riverside, California.

Don is survived by his loving wife, Eleanor Butler Blazer of Bulverde, TX; daughter Cathy Hanson and granddaughter Taylor Hanson of Vista, CA.

He was preceded in death by Cathy's mother, Roberta (Bobbi), and his parents Jabez and Gladys Blazer.

Don was a business man from the time he was able to walk. His first business lasted one day. Young Don gathered old magazines and newspapers in a wagon, which he pulled through the neighbourhood; selling the periodicals to neighbours for a penny. His mother made him return the money.

He was accepted at West Point, but his dream was to be a writer and he declined. Don worked as a newspaper reporter in southern California, where he learned how to get to the point quickly, but still produce an interesting column.

While writing for the newspaper he started his second business, The Communications Center, which specialized in advertising consultation. It lasted longer and was more successful than his first business.

When his daughter decided to be a horse trainer, Don sold the Communication Center and went into business with Cathy. Later he turned all the show training business to Cathy when she married. Don expanded the race horse training side and was very successful - training Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred Stake race winners.

While training horses, Don was also writing horse training books and developing correspondence courses for horse owners who needed help with their horses.

Through his publishing company, Success Is Easy, he released six critically acclaimed books about horses; "Walter (A Horse, Of Course) Spills the Oaks", "Make Money with Horses", "Nine Secrets of Perfect Horsemanship", "Healthy Horses Seldom Burp!", "Horses Don't Care about Women's Lib", "Natural Western Riding" with his daughter Cathy Hanson, and an e-book (Kindle Edition) titled, "Make Any Horse Business Profitable".

Don also wrote eight How-To books on training performance horses and horse health care. He was a syndicated columnist, writing the columns, "A Horse, Of Course" and "Making Money with Horses", which had thousands of fans across the nation.

As a teacher, he's travelled from Alaska to Australia demonstrating training techniques and he's taught a variety of horsemanship courses for seven colleges and universities.

In 2003, his future wife and business partner, Eleanor, developed HorseCoursesOnline. It is the leading provider of online educational horse courses to schools and universities. More than 5,000 students all over the world are enrolled in online courses provided by HorseCoursesOnline.

A long time member of the American Quarter Horse Association and the American Buckskin Registry Association, Don loved showing his buckskin quarter horses. In 2009 he won the ABRA Reserve World Championship in Junior Trail on Commander Pine Bar; in 2010 he won the ABRA World Championship Junior Trail on Sheza Especial

Gold and returned in 2011 to again win the ABRA World Championship Junior Trail and Reserve World Championship in Western Riding on Sheza. Both horses were trained and shown by Don.

He was looking forward to showing a new horse, My Kustom Kruzer, that was bred, raised and trained by Don. Eleanor and Cathy are now working on fulfilling that dream and know Don is watching over them.

Don was a spiritual man with a passion for educating and helping horse owners with the care and training of the animal he loved. He was still answering questions and helping students within a week of his passing.

Even though he is physically gone, his spirit and energy guide his wife, daughter and granddaughter as they continue his legacy.

A remembrance of his life with us, is to be held June 21, 2014 from 5 to 7, at the San Antonio Rose Palace Hospitality Room during the Texas Buckskin Horse Association's show.

There will also be celebration of life at his daughter's horse training facility in Vista, Ca on June 7 at 3 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

Don Blazer Scholarship Fund  
Texas Buckskin Horse Association  
Cindy Gidden, Treasurer  
1780 FM 1103  
Cibolo, TX 78108

Please make checks out to TBHA.

Don has educated and touched so many lives with his columns, books, and teaching... he will be greatly missed by so many all over the country