

My Absence & The Weekly Pile Dec 29, 2011

Hello My Horse Friends,

I know over the past few weeks I have not been consistent with sending out The Weekly Pile and realize in my conversations that many are not aware of my situation.

It is with my Greatest Sorrow that on the morning of 12/13/2011 at 12:24am, 10 months to the day of her first stroke - my Loving Christian Wife, My Best Friend, an Awesome Loving Mom and a Great Friend to so many, lost her struggle with her battles of life.

That day began with a smile but I quickly knew that something was wrong. She could not communicate in her "normal" way, nor could she eat or drink, all she could do was look at me and give a smile. She was transported to the hospital where here smiles of this life were gone. She did briefly acknowledge myself & Leah (my oldest daughter) at the hospital but things soon turned bad. Her BP was very high, it did go down briefly but then skyrocketed. They took her for a CT Scan which showed another Severe Stroke deep in her brain, over the brain stem in an area that controls breathing as well as other major body functions.

She passed from this life peacefully and entered heaven for Eternity. My Heart is Broken. But my Bride can now talk, walk and sing Praises, and she celebrated her first Christmas with Jesus Christ Our Lord! No more Pain & Depression. We know where she is now & forever.

With that said, we are left behind experiencing such deep sorrow. Please Pray for my Family. My Girls who have lost their Mother. This hole can not be filled. My Family & I would like to Thank all of you for your prayers during Kathy's battle since her first Stroke on Feb 13th and her passing on Dec 13th. Your Love, Prayers & Support MATTERed and they made a difference. The Love & Support that our family received were blessings that can not be measured. I would share with Kathy all the different things that had done for our family & she would beam. I would read your kind & encouraging words with Kathy and it would lift her Spirits. I can not tell you how much that means to my family, We are forever Grateful.

I would like to ask for continued prayers for My Girls & Myself as we learn to go on with life without her here, one step and one day at a time. Please pray for us to keep seeking Christ so that we will go to the prepared feast. We already know and see how we feel Kathy's presence. When it has happened to me over these past days, it has brought peace almost like a blanket of warmth. I have been overcome at times with Grief, We miss her so, but we know she is now whole in Paradise, Praising God, & how Awesome that must be!

I WAS BLESSED TO HAVE HER AS MY BRIDE AND THE MOTHER OF MY CHILDREN. I THINK THAT ALL THAT KNEW HER WERE BLESSED TO CALL HER A FRIEND!

God Is Good!
Thank You From The Chase Family
Ben

- I do not mean to end 2011 with such terrible news, so let us look forward into 2012 with the Weekly Pile getting cranked back up next week. Make sure you send in whatever you would like included.

2012 Extension Horse Management Courses

I know that the Extension Horse Management Courses are usually announced by about the end of October. Well, I have almost got all the speakers & topics confirmed (all but 1) so I wanted to go ahead & let you know what the topics, speakers & dates are for the 2012 Series. (You will be receiving a more formalized announcement soon)

January 30th - Horse Health - Dr Cindy Kimbrell -Mid State Equine

February 6th - Ask A Vet - Carolina Equine Hospital - The panel of Veterinarians from Carolina Equine will be coming to take Questions from participants.

February 13th - Horse Tack & Equipment - The Hows & Whys **Not Yet Confirmed**

February 20th - Mules & Donkeys - Shannon Hoffman, The Carolina Mule Association

February 27th - Land Use & Present Use, Building Codes & Laws, Annexation/ETJ's, Water Regulations & Watershed Rules & other New Laws which is pertinent to NC Horse Owners. Ann Coan & NC Farm Bureau, Sue Gray - NC Horse Council

March 5th - Endurance Riding - American Endurance Ride Conference - Education Committee

March 12th - Horse Judging Western & Hunter - Dr Mike Yoder, NCSU
Extension Horse Husbandry

March 19th - **SWAP SHOP** - All bring items you want to sell & look for items you wish to buy!

Plan to attend this Years Extension Horse Management Series.

Happy New Year Everybody!

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