



Darlene and Shimachis. circa 1984

SA SHIMACHIS
Harmachis X Shimaraq
born: 05/22/1978

This is being written in memory of SA Shimachis. He was part of my life for 25 years. He taught me more about horses, endurance riding and the joy you can find doing something that you love more than I would have ever thought a horse could do. And, he truly loved to run. He had a competitive edge to him that was fascinating to work with.

I started competing on him as a 6-year-old. It would be years later that I would appreciate the gentleman that he was in camp. At the time, I just expected it.

In October 1986, at a MN ride, he fractured his left front cannon bone. Surgery was done on the leg a few days later and he was sound by spring.

In 1990, he was UMECRA Restricted Mileage Champion. This was his last year of competition. He then became a very important part of starting Valley Creek Farm. For several years, he was my riding horse when teaching people how to ride on trail. He also became one of my main lesson horses for my upper level riders.

Many of his foals over the years have had his wonderful disposition and many, his desire to compete. I am very thankful for the legacy he left behind for me. His legacy includes five young daughters and two young sons that I hope to have out on trail one day soon.

He has certainly left a void that has been difficult to fill, but he also left me with years of wonderful memories.

Darlene Molitor, 12/2005