

Pat Day

I was born in Brush, Colorado on Oct. 13th, 1953 but was raised in a ranching/farming community in Edwards, Colo. I graduated from high school in 1971 and after participating in rodeos, trying to be a bull rider, was introduced to the great sport of horse racing. I started my riding career in 1973 and met with almost immediate success winning riding titles at a number of different race tracks throughout the country including Keeneland and Churchill Downs. In 1982 I won my first national riding title and followed that up by winning again in 83 and 84. In 1992 I won the Kentucky Derby aboard Lil E Tee for my good friend's trainer Lynn Whiting and owner Cal Partee.

I married the lovely Sheila Johnson on June 30th, 1979 and the Lord blessed us with our beautiful daughter, Irene Elizabeth, March 3, 1987. We have made our home in Louisville since 1991. My wife and daughter are working in a ministry Sheila started in 2003 called Mom's Closet Resource Center, located in Middletown, Ky.

I was a member of the Jockey's Guild for most of my career and served as President of that organization in 2000-2001 and am now a Retired Member.

In Jan. 1984 I committed my life to Jesus Christ and have been involved in ministry work and a strong supporter of the Race Track Chaplaincy of America ever since currently serving as President of the Kentucky Race Track Chaplaincy. In 2005 after riding for 32 years and over 40,000 races the Lord led me to retire from riding and commit my time and energy to sharing the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and to giving back to our community.