

# LIL' RICKY ROCKER

Appaloosa Horse Club

## *Hall Of Fame*

**L**il' Ricky Rocker was a 1992 gelding by Bruce Rocksteen (by Rock Star) and out of Lucy Strider (granddaughter of Hollywood Plaudit). Bred by Larry Brown of West Virginia, he was loved and owned from 1995 until his death in 2020 by Ronald and Donna Georgyi, and their daughter Missy, of Harrison, Ohio.

“Ricky” represented the Appaloosa breed and the Appaloosa Horse Club at multiple events, primarily BreyerFest, making him a true ambassador for the breed. BreyerFest is an event organized by Breyer Model Horses and held annually in Lexington, Kentucky. It “is a celebration of horses, featuring Breyer models and the real horses that inspired them,” according to Breyer’s website. He represented the Appaloosa breed at BreyerFest for 17 years in a row, showing the versatility of the Appaloosa from halter to performance.

Over the course of his BreyerFest attendance, Ricky came in contact with close to 517,000 spectators and was hugged and kissed by most of them. Breyer recognized Ricky as a “BreyerFest icon” (Appaloosa Journal, Nov/Dec 2020), and honored him with his own Breyer portrait model in 2012. After his passing in 2020, Breyer sponsored the Leadline class and Youth Sportsmanship Award belt buckle at the 2020 World Championship Appaloosa Show in Ricky’s honor.

Ricky also had an impressive ApHC show career, spanning 26 years, eight disciplines, and 323 lifetime points in Youth, Non-Pro, and Open competition. He earned 10 Bronze medallions, 14 Year-End Top Tens, two Superior Events, three Registers of Merit, and a Club Championship. He racked up wins in Heritage, Side Saddle, Most Colorful at Halter, Reining, Western Riding, Trail, Hunter in Hand, and Leadline, and he was Reserve World Champion in Men’s Heritage in 2019, the year before his passing.



Congratulations to Little Ricky Rocker on his well-deserved induction into the Appaloosa Horse Club Hall of Fame.