



There were several loves in Eddie Wood's life, including the Appaloosa horse. Eddie and the breed impacted each other in harmonious ways. He was an early supporter and long-time advocate of the breed, and inducted into the Appaloosa Hall of Fame in 2008.

"I've heard him say many times that the Appaloosa paid for this ranch," says his wife, Joyce, of Pay Day Ranch in Wynnewood, Oklahoma. "There was never a time years back...If you had a colt with color, you'd get \$5,000 for it. He said it paid for the ranch, and I believe it did."

Eddie was born Edwin A. Wood in Tucumcari, New Mexico, on October 15, 1922. Growing up he spent time on the family ranch operated by his uncle. He later operated a service station in Tucumcari while maintaining a broodmare band on the ranch.

In 1958 he attended the Western College of Auctioneering in Billings, Montana, which began a long career working various well-known auctions. While living in Amarillo, Texas, Eddie auctioneered five weekly cattle sales in Amarillo and surrounding towns. He then settled in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, and established Pay Day Ranch in 1963.

Eddie was a popular auctioneer for several horse sales, including the Appaloosa World Sale. He auctioneered registered horse sales in Ada, Oklahoma; Clovis, New Mexico; and Roswell, New Mexico, for many years. He often served as announcer at rodeos and horse shows as well.

Eddie was an early member of the ApHC, given member number 478. He was elected to the board of directors in 1978, serving one term.

Eddie never quit supporting the breed. "He never gave up on the horse," Joyce says. "No matter what the people did, he really felt like the Appaloosa had what it takes in bloodlines to win out. He was very fond of the color."

Eddie passed away December 25, 2008. His business continues at Pay Day Ranch, where his stallion, Mr. Doc B Lena, continues to stand for select breeding. Mr. Doc B Lena is sired by Ima Little Lena, a son of Quarter Horse cutting legend Smart Little Lena; he's out of Miss Doc Berry (AQHA). Mr. Doc B Lena's offspring are successful in the performance arena.

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Horses that Eddie bred often had names associated with his ranch and surname, like Wood Eagle Day, Wood's Quay Day and Wood Pay Day.

Elvin Blevins was influential in Eddie's Appaloosa undertakings. Elvin was the owner of Buttons B., a foundation stallion. Eddie was also acquainted with Ben Johnson; both were on the board concurrently.

In addition to his Appaloosas, Eddie held a fondness for Longhorn cattle and also collected western memorabilia such as McChesney spurs.