



INDUCTION OF
JIM B. ROBERTSON II
2021 HALL OF FAME

His list of accolades and awards may be the longest in show horse history. He usually scowls in photos, but if he had to persuade one friend to lend him a dollar so he could give it to another friend, he'd do it in a minute. When he takes on a project, it's always a smashing success ... because he's going to do the hard work to ensure that it's a success, and also because he's going to wring a lot of hard work out of his friends to reach his goal. For some reason, his friends love to help him ... we're not exactly sure why, but we believe it has to do with Jimmy Robertson being one of the most beloved and well-known characters in the show horse industry.



Ella Reagan photo

Tonight, we induct our friend Jimmy into the American Road Horse & Pony Association's 2021 Hall of Fame.

From a youngster in kiddie pants, he grew up in the show horse business as the son of the legendary Jim B. Robertson and Miss Margaret Ann. Now wearing suspenders most everywhere he goes, he's proud to be the brother of famous auctioneer Walt Robertson, and the husband of — well, let's be honest — the very patient and adoring Helen Robertson. His daughter Chrissy joins us here tonight, we know that his daughter Jennifer is looking down with pride, and we're so glad to see young Lila here and following in her mom's footsteps.

While the Robertson family and all of you are assembled here, we'd like to say this about Jimmy: he's the biggest friend a horseman, equine organizations, horse enthusiasts, and even the horses themselves, has ever had. He's lent his leadership to an alphabet soup of acronyms for organizations to improve and promote our sport — ASHA, AHHS, UPHA, USEF, WEG, ARHPA, projects and events galore — so much so that he's already in several halls of fame. When there's a need, he's first in line to help. He's had world's champions in several breeds, and when his peers are perhaps starting to slow down a bit, he's only picking up speed. Just last year here, in Freedom Hall, he won the Kentucky County Fair Roadster Championship with one horse, and drove another to the World's Grand Championship. He has client families that are now third generation.

All that aside, let's point out another couple of Jimmy's characteristics: his family tells us he's hard-headed to a fault and while he may not win a particular battle, you can be sure he'll win the war. His lifelong cadre of friends would probably agree with this: he's a lovable, stubborn, ol' G.O.A.T. — and by that, we mean ... the Greatest Of All Time.