

Featured Posse Member Ruby Holmquist

Joined the Posse 1959. President of the Club 1990. Co-founder of Illinois Trail Riders Association. With great admiration, respect and appreciation for all she did for our club and for the horse community.

Her story lives on in many Posse member recollections today.

In Memoriam



"She'll stand to it. There's a likely craft, lad, and one to sail any sea. You can see it in the clear eyes of her and the way she carries her head. Give me always a woman with pride, and pride of being a woman. She's such a one."

- Louis L'Amour

Ruby Holmquist

January 8, 1914 - October 4, 1995

*I hope there are heavenly trails on high
Where the Crazy Horse Range fades into the sky.
A sheltering forest, a lake crystal clear
Where fire is your friend and the water, your mirror.*

*Ruby, ride like the devil - spend long, lusty days,
Then water those horses, and turn them to graze.
Explore every trail, every perch high and low;
Through storm and through tempest, cinch up tight & go.*

*It may be a day and it may be a year,
But I'll bet one day, Ruby, you'll pack up your gear.
Kid gloves on your hands masking fists made of steel,
Armed with good sense, and impatient to deal,
Seek cause worth your time and the words to get through
For even in Heaven there's work left to do.
It would be no surprise, and in fact, mighty clear,
To see those grey wolves making peace with the deer.*

*You've been taken from us, though we don't know what for,
We needed you here, but He needed you more.
So build a nice fire and then pull up a chair,
And wait for us all to meet up with you there.
Welcome us home and fresh bedding provide . . .
A hot cup of coffee, a good horse to ride.*

- Cindy Seng

