

= Barbara L =

Barbara L (1947 ? 1977) was an American Quarter Horse that raced during the early 1950s and often defeated some of the best racehorses of the time . She earned \$ 32 @, @ 836 (about \$ 290 @, @ 000 as of 2016) on the race track in 81 starts and 21 wins , including six wins in stakes races . She set two track records during her racing career . After retiring from racing in 1955 , she went on to become a broodmare and had 14 foals , including 11 who earned their Race Register of Merit with the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) . Her offspring earned more than \$ 200 @, @ 000 in race money . She died in 1977 and was inducted into the AQHA 's American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame in 2007 .

= = Early life = =

Barbara L was foaled in 1947 , a bay daughter of a Thoroughbred stallion named Patriotic and a Quarter Horse broodmare named Big Bess . She was registered with the AQHA as number 146 @, @ 954 . Her sire , or father , was a grandson of Man o ' War , while her dam , or mother , descended from the Quarter Horse Peter McCue . Barbara L was registered as bred by James Hunt of Sonora , Texas , and her owner at the time of registration was A. B. Green , of Purcell , Oklahoma .

As a yearling , Barbara L was sold at auction for \$ 140 (approximately \$ 1 @, @ 400 as of 2016) to a Mr. Lumpkin , who sold horse trailers for a living . She spent the next period of her life demonstrating trailers across Texas before someone suggested that Lumpkin race her . Lumpkin changed her name from " Anthem " to " Barbara L " in honor of his daughter Barbara , who was the filly 's first trainer .

= = Racing career = =

Barbara L 's first race was in 1949 at Del Rio , Texas , where she came in fourth and only rated a B speed index (a measure of how fast a horse ran in a race) . She did not win a race until her third start that year , completing a 440 yards (400 m) course in 23 @. @ 4 seconds . In the following years , she raced at Centennial Race Track in Colorado ; at Raton in New Mexico ; at Albuquerque , New Mexico ; at Phoenix , Arizona ; at Los Alamitos Race Track in California ; and at Bay Meadows Race Track . She raced for Lumpkin until 1952 , when she was sold to A. B. Green . Green raced her until May 1955 , when her last start was recorded with the AQHA .

Barbara L raced for seven years , starting 81 times . She ended her career on the track with 21 victories , 23 seconds and nine third @- @ place finishes . During her racing career , she beat a number of the top racehorses of her time : Stella Moore , Blob Jr , Bart BS , Johnny Dial , and Monita . She won six stakes races , placed second in four , and came in third in three . Her earnings on the racetrack were \$ 32 @, @ 836 (approximately \$ 290 @, @ 000 as of 2016) . The stakes wins were the Speedwell Handicap , the Del Rio Feature , the Bart BS Stakes , the Miss Princess Invitational Handicap , Maddon 's Bright Eyes Handicap , and the Pima County Fair Premier Stakes . She set two track records ? one at Centennial for 400 yards (370 m) with 20 @. @ 2 seconds , the other at Los Alamitos for 400 yards (370 m) with 20 @. @ 5 seconds ? and equaled the 350 @- @ yard (320 m) track record at Los Alamitos with an 18 @. @ 5 second run . The AQHA awarded her a Race Register of Merit and a Superior Race Horse award .

= = Broodmare career = =

As a broodmare , Barbara L produced eleven foals who earned their Race Register of Merit with the AQHA . Four of her foals earned speed ratings of AAAT , which would translate to speed indexes of 100 or better in current usage . She had 14 foals ; collectively , they started 230 times on the racetrack , winning 52 races and earning \$ 262 @, @ 042 (approximately \$ 1 @. @ 97 million as of 2016) in races . Two of her foals won Superior Race Horse Awards : Cuter Yet , and Mr Walt . Her

leading money earner was Barbara 3 , who earned more than \$ 100 @, @ 000 .

Barbara L 's first foal was Mr. Bruce , a chestnut stallion foaled in 1956 and sired by the Thoroughbred stallion Three Bars . He started 25 races , of which he won six , earning \$ 8 @, @ 283 (approximately \$ 67 @, @ 200 as of 2016) on the track . He earned an AAA speed index and placed second once and third once in stakes races . Barbara L 's next foal was Miss Olene , a bay mare sired by Leo and foaled in 1957 . She started 33 races and won 11 times , including one stakes race . She earned an AAAT speed index and finished third in the 1959 All American Futurity while earning \$ 31 @, @ 022 (approximately \$ 245 @, @ 700 as of 2016) in total racing earnings . Polly Jane , a bay mare sired by Go Man Go , was Barbara L 's 1958 foal . Polly Jane started 21 times , winning four races , achieving an AAA speed index , and earning \$ 3 @, @ 961 (approximately \$ 31 @, @ 400 as of 2016) . In 1959 , Barbara L 's foal was Mr. Walt , a bay stallion by Vandy . Mr. Walt started 55 times and had a AAAT speed index . He won nine races , including one stakes race , earning him \$ 9 @, @ 417 (approximately \$ 68 @, @ 700 as of 2016) . In 1960 , Barbara L produced Barbara 2 , a sorrel mare by Leo . Barbara 2 raced 11 times , winning 2 races with \$ 2 @, @ 847 (approximately \$ 22 @, @ 300 as of 2016) in earnings and a AAAT speed index .

Barbara L 's next two foals , Go Doctor and Barbara 1 , did not race , but the foal born in 1963 , Barbara L 's Boy , started 12 times and won twice . He was sired by Depth Bars and won \$ 1 @, @ 312 (approximately \$ 9 @, @ 300 as of 2016) and earned a AAA speed index . In 1964 , Barbara L had Barbara 3 , a sorrel mare sired by the Thoroughbred Top Deck . Barbara 3 started 19 races and won seven times , including one stakes race . Her best speed index was AAAT and she earned \$ 100 @, @ 692 (approximately \$ 714 @, @ 600 as of 2016) . Barbara L 's next foal , in 1965 , was Top Decker , a brown stallion also by Top Deck . He started five times and earned a AAA speed index and \$ 98 (approximately \$ 630 as of 2016) . Barbara L did not have a foal in 1966 , but in 1967 she had a bay mare named Cuter Yet by Jet Deck . Cuter Yet started 27 races and won 5 times , including 2 stakes races . Cuter Yet 's race earnings were \$ 98 @, @ 806 (approximately \$ 602 @, @ 100 as of 2016) , and her highest speed index was 98 . In 1968 , Barbara L had Barbara Meyers , a bay mare by Kid Meyers . Barbara Meyers started six times and earned an 89 speed index and \$ 1 @, @ 082 (approximately \$ 6 @, @ 300 as of 2016) . Barbara L 's 1969 foal , Peggy Rollins , did not race , but her last foal , Barbara El , a bay mare also by Kid Meyers , started 16 times and won 3 races . Barbara El won \$ 4 @, @ 522 (approximately \$ 24 @, @ 100 as of 2016) and an 80 speed index .

= = Death and legacy = =

Barbara L died in 1977 . A stakes race was named in her honor and run at Ruidoso Downs , New Mexico , in 1956 . In 2006 , she earned a Dam of Distinction award from the AQHA ; she was inducted into the AQHA Hall of Fame in 2007 .

= = Pedigree = =