

JULIE VELTMAN



It all started as "Love for the Horses" and with advice from her Dad sticking in her memory, "Always work for what you want", Julie worked hard to become one of the best jockeys. She had her first start at Mt Pleasant Meadows in 1989, she rode Arabians in the beginning, with some help and encouragement from Dicky Benton and fellow jockeys at Mt Pleasant Meadows she began riding Quarter Horses. Her successful career as a jockey is a testament to her work ethic & perseverance. As happens many times, there were injuries, in 2007 a bad break, multiple surgeries & a fused ankle, she thought her career was over, but with special encouragement from her Doctor and her hard work, her first start after an almost 2 year layoff was a WIN, she still remembers to this day, she said "It was AWESOME". In 2016 she suffered a broken leg by a horse kick, a combination of unfortunate events included another kick at the same location a short time later, re-breaking what was healing, she made the tough decision to retire, after amassing these stats...

Her stats: QH Female jockey from 1994 to 2016 (less than 50 starts from 1994-2002); Multiple Graded Stakes winning jockey; ranked 7 times in the top 100 of North America all jockeys; in 2011 was the leading female jockey in the nation; Career in QH races 1875 243-239-253 39% top 3; 22 stakes wins, 19 stakes placed & 24 stakes shows, Earnings of \$2,727,520: Top mounts include: Lovemelikethat, Eyes Hopeful Too, Dashin With Silk, Mc Dashin Lil Angel, Mc Special Mystery & Kid La Jolla.

She also had 813 TB starts 96-108-105 earnings of \$713,722 38% top 3;
and 797 Arabian starts 135-136-133 earnings of \$434,998, 51% in top 3

Julie Veltman has 2 sons, 2 daughters and 6 grandchildren . Her daughter Tasha, is the only one who followed in her footsteps as a jockey and has since retired and started training. In Tasha's words' "She's the hardest, toughest, bravest woman I know! I'm super proud of her! What she accomplished in her career while being an amazing mom! She helped pave the way for females in the industry including me."