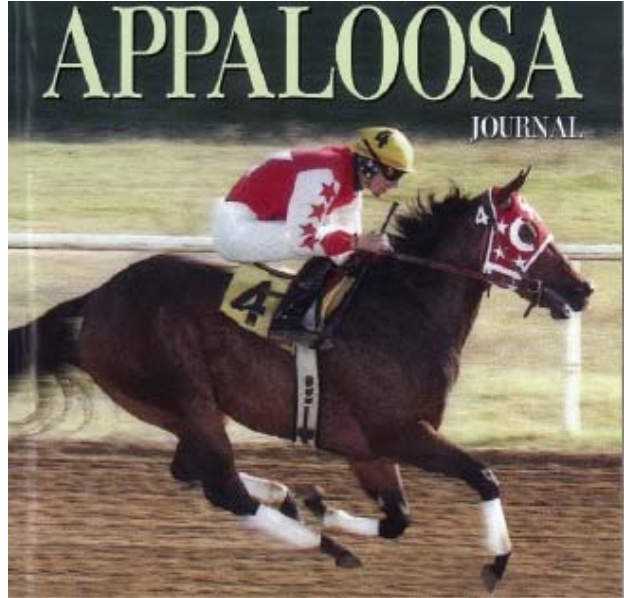


# You R My Sunshine

2001-2014

Appaloosa racing sensation You R My Sunshine, owned by Jeff Adams, died suddenly in June, 2014. The 2001 mare by Corona Cartel (QH) out of Perfect Intention amassed five bronze medallions and 12 racing awards including 4-time South-Central Regional Champion. She was trained by Jim Limbaugh and Dub Seely and amassed lifetime earnings of \$159,171.

During her racing career from 2003 to 2008 she earned \$159,171 in winnings—putting her 11th on the top earners list, as well as the top-earning mare of all time (topping any racing colts on the list as well)—and had a top speed index and rating of 105 in 2006, as well as six out of 10 stakes race wins and 19 wins out of 41 starts overall. She won the Oklahoma Appaloosa Triple Crown in 2004, as well as Champion 3-Year-Old Filly, and was featured on the cover of Appaloosa Journal in March 2005.



You R My Sunshine was foaled and raised at David Nemelka’s Wagon Wheel Ranch in Springville, Utah. She was 2 years old and co-owned by John Diediker and Steve Neal when Adams laid eyes on her and wanted to purchase her.

“The first time John Diediker priced her to me was for \$60,000—a seemingly crazy amount, but I ended up buying her,” Adams said. “Little did I know that she would leave me with a million dollars worth of memories.”

In 2005, Adams’ close friend Don Crisp died. It was then he decided to purchase John’s share of You R My Sunshine, in spite of the price, a decision which changed his life. Shortly thereafter, Adams bought the other share from Neal. A chipped ankle slowed her down briefly, but after surgery she more than rebounded, with speed ratings and indexes in excess of 100 in 2005 and 2006, earning her Horse of the Year both years. During her racing days she maintained an epic rivalry with R Girls Night Out, another of Adams’ winning mares.

Sadly, she died in June without the chance to pass on her impressive speed to offspring. Her memory and records will live on in the hearts and minds of Adams and all who recall her.

“She was my introduction back into Appaloosa Racing, and what a ride it was,” Adams said. “She put a smile back on my face, for which I will be forever thankful. She holds many track and world records and had a heart as big as Texas. I am just proud to say that when I think about her I smile.”

**Major Accomplishments:**

**Year Place Stakes Race (CITY)**

2003 FIRST OKLAHOMA FRONTIER FUTURITY (SALLISAW)  
 2003 FIRST SUPREME FUTURITY (OKLAHOMA CITY)  
 2003 FIRST CRICKET BARS FUTURITY (SALLISAW)  
 2004 SECOND SPEEDHORSE PAINT AND APPALOOSA DERBY (TULSA)  
 2005 FIRST LEWIS WARTCHOW MEMORIAL(TULSA)  
 2005 SECOND OLYMPIA JOE HANDICAP (GRAND PRAIRIE)  
 2006 FIRST LEWIS WARTCHOW MEMORIAL (TULSA)  
 2006 THIRD OLYMPIA JOE HANDICAP (GRAND PRAIRIE)  
 2006 FIRST MR. LEWIE MEMORIAL STAKE (OKLAHOMA CITY)  
 2007 SECOND DASH FOR COLOR STAKES(CLAREMORE)

**Year E.R.C . Race Championships & Awards**

2003 CHAMPION 2-YR. OLD SPRINT FILLY  
 2003 SUPREME CHAMPION 2-YR OLD OF THE YEAR  
 2003 BRONZE MEDALLION  
 2004 CHAMPION 3-YR. OLD FILLY  
 2004 SOUTH-CENTRAL REGIONAL CHAMPION  
 2004 BRONZE MEDALLION  
 2005 CHAMPION 4-YR OLD & OLDER MARE  
 2005 HORSE OF THE YEAR  
 2005 BRONZE MEDALLION  
 2006 HORSE OF THE YEAR  
 2006 SOUTH-CENTRAL REGIONAL CHAMPION  
 2006 CHAMPION 4- YR OLD & OLDER MARE  
 2006 BRONZE MEDALLION  
 2007 CHAMPION 4- YR OLD & OLDER MARE  
 2007 SOUTH-CENTRAL REGIONAL CHAMPION  
 2007 BRONZE MEDALLION