

## Dr. Leffie Carlton Jr.



Dr. Leffie Carlton Jr. owes his interest in Appaloosas to his son, Dennis. When Dennis was young, he started taking riding lessons from a friend of Dr. Carlton, who happened to own Appaloosas.

It was the start of a successful show career in performance and halter classes for Dennis, his brother Leland, and his parents, which eventually turned into a passion for racing. When Dennis and Leland were off at college, Dr. Carlton's turned his interest to the track, and he had a mare he sent to Lewis Wartchow. In turn, Lewis told Dr. Carlton about a stallion running in Oklahoma, Time Flies. Dr. Carlton purchased the stallion, bred by fellow 2007 inductee Charles Tanner Jr., in April of 1973. The stallion won the 1973 World Wide Futurity—Dr. Carlton's most memorable win.

Dr. Carlton was a sixth generation Floridian and a practicing surgeon. The racehorses he bought, however, didn't stick around. His horses raced in all parts of the country, from Florida to California.

With Time Flies (Apollo, JC x Rose Time), Dr. Carlton built a breeding program at Ada Stallion Farm in Oklahoma, which produced a long list of multiple stakes and medallion winners. Yet Time Flies was a racehorse in his own right; besides his World Wide Futurity win, he racked up a number of wins for lifetime earnings of over \$97,000. Two of his most memorable would first be the stallion's win of the Ben Blades Derby trial heat by 10 lengths, which set an ApHC record for 5 furlongs; next would be his victory by 3 lengths in the Ben Blades Derby finals. Both races were held at the famous Arlington Park near Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Carlton was a leading ApHC breeder for nearly 20 years. In 1975 he was second owner with most wins and leading breeder in 1984, 1986 and 1987. He got out of the business in the late '80s, yet was number 16 in the top 30 leading breeder list in 1995.

Dr. Carlton resides in Tampa, Florida.