



## **Ruth Brown**

*Eastern/Western Quarter Horse Journal*  
**1982-1984 AHP President**  
**1983-1986 AHP Executive Director**

From 1968 to 1988, Ruth was actively involved in the equine publishing industry as managing editor and then publisher of *Eastern/Western Quarter Horse Journal*. During that time, the monthly magazine joined American Horse Publications, a national professional association for publishers of horse magazines. Ruth was instrumental in the growth and development of the association and served as its President for two years and later its Executive Director from 1983-1986.

Chris Brune, former editor of *Eastern/Western*, and now Executive Director of American Horse Publications, introduced her longtime friend at the association's 20th Anniversary celebration in Washington, D.C. in 1990 during a tribute to honor past presidents.

“Without Ruth Brown, I would not be here tonight. Ruth's family and my family were friends who shared an interest in Quarter Horses, long before I went to work for *Eastern/Western Quarter Horse Journal* in 1972. Ruth and I learned the publishing business together and spent the next 16 years, sharing the adventure.”

In 1982, Ruth became AHP's first woman president. In 1983, she was asked to serve a second term, becoming the only other president to serve two terms. When the current Executive Director resigned in 1983, Ruth took over as acting director until the end of her presidency when she became Executive Director and AHP's administrative office moved to Middleboro, Massachusetts. In addition to her responsibilities as publisher of *Eastern/Western*, Ruth spent innumerable hours planning seminars, preparing an awards contest, publishing a newsletter, and performing the administrative duties of the association.

She resigned as AHP Executive Director in 1986 and two years later turned over the horse publishing business to Chris to pursue her interests in desktop publishing and advertising specialties and to being a grandmother.

Until her death in 2006 at age 67, Ruth Brown maintained an interest in AHP activities and enjoyed reading about her association friends and its growth.