

Ramon Figueroa

- **Ramon is the eldest child of Juan and Helen Figueroa. Ramon has two brothers Johnny and Joe and a sister Marcella. Ramon who recently lost his wife, Dolores, of thirty-eight years has two children Dorene and Ray. Ramon also has five grandchildren D.J., Danielle, Easton, Delaney and Avery.**
- **Ramon began riding in 1953 at the age of 16. He went into the service for two years and returned to Arizona to ride.**
- **Ramon also rode in the first All American Futurity in 1958 on a horse called Ponto Lass.**
- **Ramon was raised in the racehorse industry. Having a father and many uncles, which rode and later became trainers. Ramon has continued to stay in the horse industry since retiring from being a jockey in 1978. He has been an owner, trainer and now a jockey's valet at Turf Paradise.**
- **All of his peers looked up to Ramon, while he was riding. He was the Jockeys Guild Representative for the state of Arizona.**

Ray:

The Racing industry has always been a very important part of Dad's life but his family has always seemed to come first. For example, my sister and I witnessed him breaking both wrists at the first turn at Prescott Downs. As my Dad stood up he made eye contact with both of us who had viewed the incident from the rail. Noticing the seriousness of his injury, he hid both wrists from us and told us to go find our Mother in the grandstands.

Dorene:

One thing I remember is my Dad always had a lot of people in his win pictures. We would all run down to the winner circle to get in the front or when we were real little we would get on the horse with him. But you have to take in mind that half the racetrack seemed to be related to us.