

## **Hall of Fame announcer Sam McKee, 54, dies**

from the USTA Communications Department

**Columbus, OH** --- Harnessracing.com is reporting that Communicators Hall of Famer Sam McKee, one of the most well-known and respected announcers in horse racing, died Tuesday night (March 7), as a result of complications after suffering a major stroke early last month. He was 54.

Mr. McKee was the announcer and simulcast director at the Meadowlands, leaving his home state of Michigan in 1998 to work on a fill-in basis at the New Jersey racetrack. Soon after he was hired as full-time announcer, later adding the title of simulcast director.

Mr. McKee was elected to the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association's Hall of Fame in 2009. In 2012, he received the sport's highest honor when he was elected to the Communicators Hall of Fame in Goshen, N.Y.

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**Sam McKee died March 7, 2017 at the age of 54.**