

Louise Burton & Fa Al Badi+/ American Endurance Ride Conference



1985 AERC Decade Team



Fa Al Badi+ (AERC #6424)

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I remember Bo.

As I look up at the Tevis moon tonight, my mind drifts. It seems these warm summer nights are when I remember you most; the sound of you munching hay, the quiet of camp, the smell of your mane as I hug you goodnight, trying to sleep but too excited, anticipating the next few hours when I must saddle you in the dark, you a moving target in your desire to go. You will pause, just for a moment, to allow me to mount and ride you for the day.

My life is full of memories of you. The tears you brought, both happy and sad.

I remember.

Coming to an understanding at 2am on Sherman's Gap on our first 100 that I could ride you up anything but I must walk you down.

Finding ourselves suddenly behind the first place horse in the IAHA Reg 9 championships and riding quietly behind for miles, then "turning on the burners" to win in a neck to neck finish.

And our retirement ride, being only one of two to finish the grueling, hot two day Old Glory ride in the Texas heat, with all A's at the end.

The end. 3500 miles. 18 years.

Now I know what it means when people say it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.

"Bo" died of complications several days after a successful surgery to repair a complete broken tibia from a kick. Thank you so much Dane Frazier and Tera Veterinary Services for your compassion, optimism, and talent.

We live with no regrets.

Louise Burton
Firedance Farms Arabians