

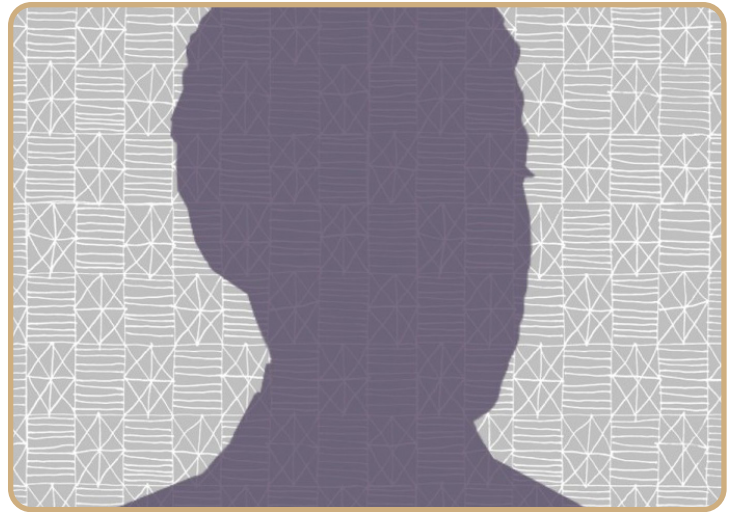
# Philip Calais Sr.

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**Places:** Breaux Bridge, Louisiana;  
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**Birth:** January 26, 1943 **Death:** May 11, 2012

**Professions:** Trainer



## Farm Childhood

Philip Calais, Sr. grew up on a farm in Southern Louisiana and entered into the horse industry when he was fifteen.<sup>1</sup> This began a family legacy in the Louisiana horse racing industry.

## Career and Notable Achievements

Calais raced across the major tracks in Louisiana such as Louisiana Downs, Delta Downs, Evangeline Downs, and the New Orleans Fairgrounds. He trained several Thoroughbred horses during his career but Quarter Horses were his mainstay. He became known for his profound passion for racing. Calais' career totaled over 2,000 starts and \$1.2 million in earnings.<sup>2</sup> His graded stakes wins include the 1997 Louisiana Quarter Horse Breeders Association Futurity (Gr. 1) with Guidrys Pride and the 1999 Louisiana Champions Day Classic (Gr. 2) with Sixforbubba.<sup>3</sup>

## Training and Family Legacy

Calais continued to work with horses until his death in 2012. After training horses for forty years, Calais was laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery, Lafayette, Louisiana.<sup>4</sup> His son, Philip Calais, Jr., became a Quarter Horse trainer and his daughter, Sandra Calais McMahon, became a jockey agent. His grandson, C. J. McMahon, is a Thoroughbred jockey.

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