

Alvina Ebensteiner is originally from Egeland, North Dakota. When she married her husband Allen, they moved to Devils Lake, North Dakota. They are the parents of two daughters, Amanda and Ashley. Unfortunately, Amanda's life was cut short when she was taken by cancer as a teenager. Their granddaughter Braylyn is also a horse lover and brings Alvina and Allen great joy and happiness every day. Alvina recently retired from a 43-year career in banking.

Alvina is a long-time North Dakota Quarter Horse Association member and has been volunteering for more than 25 years. From 2012-2022 she served as the North Dakota Amateur Quarter Horse Association Secretary. Those were lean years for NDQHA, as it was experiencing inactive membership and dwindling resources. However, Alvina's leadership and commitment strengthened the entire association and helped keep it up and running smoothly. She devoted endless hours to running horse shows, fundraising and recruiting new members, in addition to being a horse show mom and grandma.

Alvina has also been the District Director for ND 01 for the National Barrel Horse Association since 1998. In that role, she organizes multiple barrel races per year, tracks points for members, raises funds for prizes, organizes lunch stands, and recruits other volunteers. Barrel racing has always been a favorite event for Alvina, and her daughter Ashley and granddaughter Braylyn share her enthusiasm for the sport. For several years, she showed her halter horse, Easy Fajitee and barrel horse, Povertys Billy Boy.

Alvina has served as a Ramsey County 4-H leader and volunteer for more than 35 years. Her longstanding and impactful work has not gone unnoticed by the North Dakota 4-H Foundation Board, and in 2017 she received the Volunteer of the Year Award and was inducted into the North Dakota 4-H Hall of Fame. Additionally, in 2025 she received the Salute to Excellence Outstanding Lifetime 4-H Volunteer Award. Alvina is also a Ramsey County Fair Board member and was instrumental in building the Ramsey County Events Center. She and Allen are Gold Club Donors.

Alvina is an unsung hero who quietly goes about giving of her time and talents to horse related organizations. While she doesn't want or expect any recognition in return, tonight Alvina is deservedly being recognized as the 2026 North Dakota Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame inductee.

When asked why she has dedicated her life to volunteering, Alvina responds, "I like giving back and helping others. It's just who I am."

Congratulations Alvina!

