



## ERIKA LAMB



Erika was an independent spirit who loved the challenge of life. She was passionate about all things living and had great compassion for all that needed care and protection.

Erika started riding at the age of five at Old Orchard Farm. Inspired by her older sister, Mimi, Erika's fascination with horses and riding began early in life.

As so many of the OOF kids do, she learned her first riding skills on Cassidy, a pony with a mind of its own. After Cassidy her next big love was Mel, a young and feisty pony at that time. Mel taught her how to stay in the saddle even under the most challenging of circumstances. As she became a teenager, she found Glassgo, a grey thoroughbred that loved to jump. The pair was meant to be.



As with all things, Erika wanted to be the best she could be with Glassgo and the two went on a journey that took them from the hunter and the jumper rings at OOF to the A-circuit. Although they competed in the jumper division, Erika particularly loved the medal classes because there she was tested on her equitation.

Although Erika showed in both the hunter and the jumper rings, showing was never about the ribbons. It was about improving as a rider and improving her horse.

Erika died in a ski accident, the result of fluke conditions of high temperature and wet snow, on Blue Mountain in 2015. She was 16.

Her young life was cut short but her spirit lives on.

Old Orchard Farm together with the Lamb family founded the Erika Lamb Memorial Equitation Award and the "I Ride 4 Erika Lamb" clinic. Both have been an inspiration to young girls who strive, as Erika did, to be their best selves.

