

# **ROSS MORTON**

## **Inducted 2008**

“The Voice of Finger Lakes”

Track Announcer 1962-2007

Ross Morton was the announcer at Finger Lakes during the track’s first 46 years of operation. He began his announcing career in 1962 when the facility opened and went on to call over 60,000 thoroughbred races. He also announced races at Gulfstream Park in Florida for 23 years during the winter months. His distinctive voice was heard during calls of memorable races that included legends such as Seattle Slew, John Henry, Spectacular Bid, Forego, and Holy Bull.

Morton made the call when 2003 Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Funny Cide took the 2007 Wadsworth Memorial Handicap at Finger Lakes in the final start of his career.

In addition to race calling, Morton also produced and hosted “The Winner’s Circle”, a recap of Finger Lakes racing that was aired on local cable television for 25 years.

Before he was “The Voice of Finger Lakes” he was known as “Mad Man” Morton while working as a radio disc jockey in Syracuse, New York.

Ross Morton passed away on Wednesday, February 20 near his winter home in Hollywood, Florida at the age of 74.