

Ashelynn Manor History

Johnny and Edith Lorino were the previous and original owners of the estate now known as Ashelynn Manor.

Mr. Lorino was a master custom home builder, he also raced horses and raised cattle. Mr. Lorino built many custom homes in the Champions area and NW Houston. He and Mr. Kickerello, who was also a builder were friends and colleagues back in the 60's and 70's. They both built homes in North Hampton, Champions, and many affluent subdivisions in the Houston area.

The Lorino's originally lived just down the road at what is now The Magnolia Cowboy Church. Mr. Lorino built the home that is the Magnolia Cowboy Church offices (facing Nichols Sawmill Rd) in 1966. They sold that property to a gentleman by the name of Preacher O'Quinn. They then proceeded to build on the 175-acre property just down the road, Ashelynn Manor's site.

The first structure was the barn (Carriage House), built in 1975. Mr. Lorino had racehorses and cattle to take care of as well a place to put his building materials. The second structure was the small house (Cottage). They lived in the small house while the main home was built in 1976. The small house was then the residence to Mrs. Lorino's housekeeper and four children. By this time the Lorino's two sons, Mike and Ron were adults, so they did not have family living with them. Tragically, Mike's wife passed away from cancer. Mike and his daughter, Sara moved in with Johnny and Edith so that Edith could help with her granddaughter. In later years Mike and Sara moved out and Johnny and Edith traveled and enjoyed life together. In or about 1994, Mr. Lorino passed away. Edith maintained the estate with the help of a gentleman, Johnny Mock who kept his cows on the property. Mrs. Edith Lorino recently passed away in April of 2022 at the age of 100 years old.

In 2003, the Ashes purchased 25 acres and the main house, barn, cottage to become a wedding venue. Almost immediately the Ashes realized that the main house (The Manor) was not going to have sufficient space to hold receptions, so

the renovation of the barn started. With the help of colleagues in the wedding industry Nancy Richards and Janice Gunnin Wilson of Butler's Courtyard, the vision was cast. The Ashes along with builder, Fred Euring - Kaylan Kustom Homes, the journey began. The Carriage House has evolved from a pole barn with the rollup doors hanging on by a thread to a very nice grand hall with a 14-foot granite bar, stone columns, stone fireplace and tiled floors. In 2008 the Ashes had the chapel built by the same builder. Ashelynn Manor hosted over 100 weddings a year and was listed as a premier wedding venue in the Houston area.

The Ashes are very thankful for the opportunity to serve their clients and facilitate their wedding days. They have many great memories and feel truly blessed to have been the owners of such a beautiful, majestic place.