

John Ray Hatley

March 16, 1930-February 10, 2001
1998 Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame

John was born March 16, 1930 in Lometa, Texas and grew up in Uvalde, Texas. He graduated from Uvalde High School where he was an all around athlete, playing football, basketball, baseball and won the state title in track.

After his service in the Marine Corps, where he was on the football and boxing teams, he attended Sul Ross State College in Alpine, Texas where he played football and was elected to the All Lone Star Conference Team.

In 1953, he was drafted by the Chicago Bears and played for them until he was traded to the Chicago Cardinals in 1954.

John rodeoed in his off season until 1956 when he left football to pursue rodeo full time.

He was a steer wrestler and won at Odessa, El Paso, Waco and Pecos, Texas, along with Palm Springs, California; Spokane, Washington and Cheyenne, Wyoming. In 1957 and 1958, he was sixth in the standings in steer wrestling. He went to the first National Finals Rodeo in 1959 and placed 13th.

He returned to football in 1960 and played for the Denver Broncos until 1961 when he again left football to rodeo. His last rodeo was in Cheyenne in 1974.

John was inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in 1998. He was elected to serve on the Board of the Rodeo Historical Society of the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in 1999, a position he held until his untimely death on February 10, 2001.

Inducted into the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Cowboy Hall of Fame October 2004.

Jackie Flowers Hayden

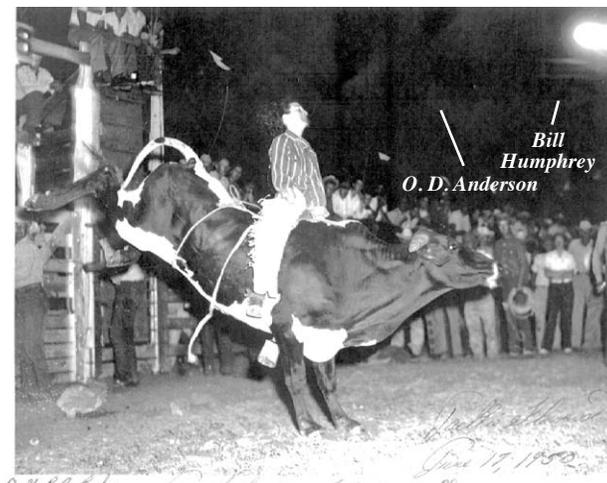
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Jackie always had a love for horses, even though she didn't own one, and for that matter she didn't even have a place to keep one even if she did have one.

For fun on Sunday afternoons Jackie would attend the "Buck Outs" in San Antonio, Texas which were held by Jess Ackers. One day, due to a dare, Jackie rode a donkey at the buck out and enjoyed it. Jackie never was one to turn down a good dare. Soon after that Jackie was turned on to bullriding by her cowboy friend Jody SeEVERS, who later became her brother-in-law, and between the donkey, Jody and bulls, Jackie's rodeo career began.

Jackie's first entry in a rodeo was at Bodie's Arena in Seguin, Texas in 1945 where she rode for mount money in the bullriding and from then on she was entering in rodeos everywhere. Some of the rodeos that she contested in were Ft. Stockton, Corpus Christi, Jacksboro, Childress, Belton as well as many others in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Jackie rode both bulls and bareback broncs, she even rode a few saddle broncs, but later said that she learned right quick that saddle bronc riding takes real skill so she had better keep to bulls and barebacks. Her favorite event was bullriding and her most favorite rodeo was in Jacksboro, Texas at Jackie Worthington's (a six year all around champion) ranch. It was at this rodeo that Jackie won four first places. She was first in



the bareback broncs each consecutive night and first in the average.

Although Jackie was plagued by many injuries her drive to be a top rodeo contestant was still alive even after breaking her back in 1950. After breaking her back, Jackie rode for another two years with a brace finishing her career at a rodeo in Dallas in 1952.

In 1948, Jackie joined the Cowgirl Rodeo Association and she can always be found visiting friends, which she enjoys doing, and she is never too busy to take time to reach out to help others.

Bradford L. Henley

Bradford L. Henley was born on the family farm outside Hubbard, Texas on October 21, 1940. H. F. and Rosella Henley already had three girls and Brad was their only son.

When Brad was about 10 years old, his mother let him ride the old milk cow's calf and that started a long life of rodeo! When attending San Angelo State College he started riding bulls. In 1960, he married Patsy Rode of Sonora, Texas. Patsy and Brad raised 3 children on the family farm. Brad was riding bulls every weekend, rodeoing for a living until he broke his neck on "Old Yellow." (Author's note-Brad showed Dean Anderson the 'ropes'



Bradford Henley on Old Yellow.

and introduced him to the wonderful- dangerous sport of bullriding as mentioned elsewhere. Anderson drew 'Ole Yeller' the next night and won the Mexia rodeo on him). That's been attested to by Brad. After hanging up his bull rope, Brad became a very successful cattle auctioneer and he and wife Patsy traveled together to the sales as she worked the offices and Brad sold the cattle for 30 years.

When his son Rode started riding bulls Brad traveled with him to high school, college and RCA shows. Then in 1991, Brad and Patsy started Rhythm and Blues Cattle Company training and working with bucking bulls. They sold their bulls at the NFR Bucking Bull Sales in Las Vegas that were held each year. For 8 years, Brad bucked his bulls at Billy Bob's in Ft. Worth and traveled all over central and east Texas.

In 1994, Brad and Patsy started "The Bull Fest" at West, Texas. Brad's life has always been centered around the rodeo world. He and Patsy attend the NFR in Vegas every year. The following by Dean: Brad was also a good football player and played on the Hubbard championship team that won Regional in 1957. That was as high as they could go in those days. But having said that, Brad has always been the 'cowboy' even in his youngest days.

John Henry

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