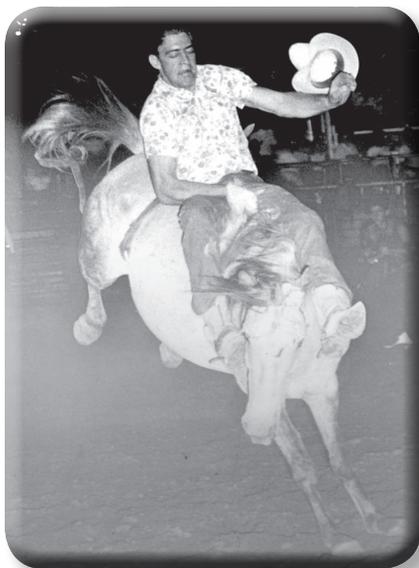




## A.C. (Cody) Faulks

Born 1938 to Alton and Pauline Faulks

Jones County



Dad was a cowboy. He worked for the Dunman Ranch at Coleman, Texas. He also ran the Abilene Livestock Auction in Abilene for 20 plus years. I worked for my dad when I was 10 years old at the auction barn. At night, several of us boys would ride the cows and bulls. That is where I started my rodeoing.

I started competing in rodeos in 1952 at the age of 14. I rode bulls first at Rising Star. I rode my first bareback horse at Post. Goat Mayo was the producer.

Rodeoing as a teenager was a good way to have fun and keep us out of trouble. We had something to look forward to every weekend. We made friends with the ones we competed

against and many have become lifelong friends.

I started on bulls and bareback horses, and I tried saddle broncs for two years, but never made it as a saddle bronc rider.

I followed three rodeo producers-Goat Mayo, Morris Stevenson, and Loyd Woodley and a few rodeos of Jack and Dick Ratzen.

My dad was friends with Bill Barton, Guy Weeks and others that belonged to the Turtle Association.

When Guy Weeks came home off the rodeo circuit he would bring other cowboys



with him such as Alvin Nelson, Deb Copenhaver, Billy Weeks and many others. They were all top hands in the RCA. This was a real treat for a 14 or 15 year old.

Guy Weeks' dad would buck out horses on Sunday afternoon. If Guy was there he would always give good advice about riding bucking horses.

Dad was a pick-up man at a lot of rodeos in the West Texas area.

Bill Barton made my one and only bareback riggin-it lasted through all my rodeoing years.

My wife Mary and I live in Uvalde County. I work part time for William Epperson in Rocksprings, Texas.

Mary still rides when I shoe her horse.