



## W.D. "Pewee" James



PeeWee was born June 3, 1930 in Trickham, Texas where he lived until 1943, at which time they moved to Corpus Christi, Texas.

PeeWee's rodeo career began in 1948 at the old Spudder Park in Corpus Christi. The rodeo was produced by Charlie Whitney. At this show, PeeWee won the bull riding. This was the factor that enabled PeeWee to make the decision to follow the Whitney Rodeo to Brady and Bonham. He also won the bullriding at both of these shows.

PeeWee's winning ways continued while he competed in Arizona, New Mexico, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas. To help support the travel, PeeWee learned the art of making the bull ropes for the other bullriders. They soon became the choice of many of the cowboys.

PeeWee is best known for riding "Pop Roecker's 00" bull in 1955. PeeWee participated in all of the three rough stock events; bareback, saddlebronc and bullriding but his favorite was the bullriding. During his career, he joined the Southwest Rodeo Association and the Rodeo Cowboy Association. He currently holds membership in the Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame Association, the Rodeo Alumni and The Old Timers Rodeo Reunion. Due to work



and family responsibility, PeeWee decided to end his competition days in 1960. He still enjoys the camaraderie and friendships of the friends he made in the rodeo life.