



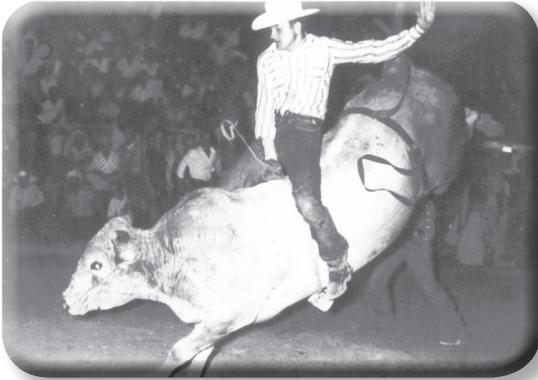
# ALL COWBOY & ARENA CHAMPIONS

## HALL OF FAME



## Pete Jones

By El Deano



Pete Jones was born and grew up around the Baytown area. He watched a lot of his friends rodeo and he decided to start Rodeoing around 1952 and continued riding the rough stock, bulls and barebacks, until 1958 and had to quit due to an injury—and marriage.

He was the first ever contestant to win the Sportmanship and Outstanding Cowboy Award that the Southwestern Rodeo Association started in 1953. In 1954, he came in second in bareback riding; 1954 he was fourth in bullriding; he placed in the top six every year he competed full time in the Southern Rodeo Association (SRA).

As mentioned earlier, he quit because of an injury: Ed Cole had a saddle bronc and the horse started coming towards him and he climbed the fence promptly. Ed's horse made a quick turn and kicked real high and hit Pete behind his head. It was a bad enough wreck that Pete just decided it was time to 'give it up' as the old saying goes. Anyway, marriage plans were underway and his wife helped him decide to quit also. Pete Jones now lives at Bandera, Texas and as his hobby builds iron seats out of old farm implements.



by Robert H. "Pete" Jones  
Born 11-7-34 in Highlands, Texas

Raised in the Baytown area and started riding bulls and horses at age 17. I made 3 youth rodeos and saw that if I wanted to learn how to ride, I would have to join the S.R.A. It didn't take me long to find out that it was easier to get off on the pick-up man and the safest place on the bulls was to ride them.

Yes, I had my share of buckoffs. I loved to ride.

S.R.A. 1952-1955; US Army 1956-1957; S.R.A. 1958 - rode bareback, bulls and some saddle broncs. Was hospitalized two times. First a bull stepped on my leg in Sequin, Texas in 1955 and a horse kicked me in the head at Pasadena, Texas in 1958.

I married my high school sweetheart Peggy, who was a R.N. We have six girls and one boy. We divorced in 1990 and I married Barbara in 1995. She has one girl and one boy so we have nine kids and fifteen grandkids together.

September 6, 2004 we celebrated the Western Trail Ride which left from Bandera, Texas for Dodge City, Kansas. I rode from Bandera to Vernon, Texas which was over 300 miles.