



Loyd and Dorothy Faye Mitchell

Loyd Mitchell, Jr. was born in Marfa, Texas on October 10, 1923. While a youngster, he helped take care of cattle on the ranch which began his roping career although at that time it wasn't entirely for pleasure. The family moved to Rocksprings his sophomore year and in 1942, he and Dorothy Faye Phillips, were married.

Serving in World War II in the US Army, First Calvary, Remount Division in Burma India, Loyd was introduced to new sport, polo, which

he played on the team at the Post.

A favorite rodeoing memory of the older girls was traveling to Crider's at Hunt, Tx every weekend to watch him rope, and of course, enjoying the dancing that followed! One of his many belt buckles there was for champion calf roper in 1951.

As their rodeo travels widened, Faye started running the barrels on the same horse that Loyd roped on, Mitchell's D-Day. She was the rodeo queen at Pasadena, Tx and he became the President of the Southwestern Rodeo Association. Loyd, being one of the original Turtles, started traveling thru many states on the rodeo trail. Their girls, Connie, Sherrie and Zane enjoyed most of those adventures with them in the summertime!

Possibly young and old remember Loyd and the Rocksprings Playboys as being an important part of rodeoing as they played for so many dances after the rodeos. Additionally they entertained at



proms, the Texas Tech Christmas Cowball and various other occasions.

Enjoying 72 years of married life, Loyd passed on March 20, 2015 and Faye, February 28, 2017 - leaving behind a trail of memories for all those who loved and knew them.