



# ALL COWBOY & ARENA CHAMPIONS

## HALL OF FAME



## Lee Paul

By El Deano



Lee Paul, one of the three children born to Bob and Georgia (Miers) Paul started riding bulls with George but didn't have the passion for the bulls as George did. He soon found out his main passion in life was to be a singer. Lee met world renowned singer Tom Jones and at about the age of 14 they performed together at Landos in Ciudad Acuña. Lee and brother George also were good friends of Steve Binion (Marketing Director for Rodeo of the famed Golden Coast Casino of Las Vegas). Steve Binion's dad Benny

Binion was a good friend of grandfather George Miers and was the owner of Binion's Horseshoe Casino in Las Vegas. George gave the champion buckle he won at the Cow Palace to Steve Binion and his World Champion buckle to Tom Jones.

Audrey Williams, widow of Hank Williams visited the Miers ranch and Lee signed a contract with RCA just about the same time that George's plane went down but the trauma of the crash and death of brother George crushed his hopes of having a singing career as he had to help the family operate the ranch. Audrey Williams was just one of many famous people who visited the large San Miguel Ranch and others included Cantinflas, Dean Martin, Don Gay and Randy Travis just to name a few.

Lee has two children Mimi (daughter) and George named after his brother. Just as his uncle's passion was bullriding, Lee's son



George's passion was football. George was outstanding in high school and went to Northwestern State in Louisiana on scholarship where he was All-Louisiana 2nd team 1992 and won the Lester L. Latino Memorial Award for leadership, teamwork and dedication. George is now employed by Halliburton.

Lee spends his time managing the once million acre plus San Miguel Ranch. The Mexican Government took most of it away from the Meiers family in the seventies due to the then current philosophy of allowing the peasants to invade and take over the land, called the Agrarian Movement. When Mr. Miers ranched the San Miguel, it was well cared for and he employed more people than the land supports profitably now because the uneducated masses did not know how to take care of the land as Mr. Miers did. Bobby Paul ranches a part of the Santo Domingo Ranch that Grandfather George Miers gave him. A more detailed account of the history of the San Miguel and the other large ranches owned by the Miers brothers can be read in T. J. Jarrett's new book just released, *Kin, Cowboy, Outlaws & Friends*.

Lee's sister, Betty Paul, still lives in Del Rio and recently called (2004) two-time AJRA World Champion Junior Steer rider Trey Meeks to congratulate him on winning it back to back. When in Del Rio, Lee can be found visiting with his friends Polo del Rio and partner Alfonso Garcia, owners of the Ramada Inn in Del Rio. When he's in Mexico tending to his businesses there he can be found consulting with his friend and advisor Ramiro Guzman.

Deano's comment about Lee: Lee is one of the most humble men I have met doing the research for this book. When I approached him to help me with George, his brother's story, he was immediately ready to help me in the project and we met more than a few times to get the stories down just right. After reviewing the story that I did on George, he okayed it for submission to the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame. No one but an inducted member can submit a resume to the TRCHoF and I knew that George was not an inducted member so I asked my friend Bobby Joe Bartley how to do it. He said he would be glad to submit the resume on George Paul and asked me to mail it because of the time factor.

**Mexico - Cradle of Champion Bullriders**  
**Song by Ricardo Sosa • Group Name - Wild West**  
**Tape Name - La Cabalgata**  
**Compliments of Lee Paul**

Rodeo, rodeo — Rodeo, rodeo.  
Mexico, Mexico cradle of champions  
The cowboys from the ranches leave us their memories.  
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On the 5th of March of 47, George Paul Miers was born in Del Rio,  
He liked bullriding from when he was small.  
He grew up in northern Coahuila.  
He rode bulls at San Miguel Ranch.  
He started rodeoing at age 14.  
He attended Jim Shoulder's Riding School.  
He always stayed on the bulls and horses.  
George Paul Miers was a champion bullrider.  
George Paul Miers was always the best rider.  
George Paul Miers - there is an annual rodeo in Del Rio, Texas  
to commemorate the best rider.  
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He entered the RCA in the year 66.  
He won second place in 67.  
He rode 7 bulls without being bucked off at the NFR.  
And was World Champion in 68.  
He went to 150 rodeos to ride  
79 bulls without being bucked off,  
Leaving to history this world record.  
Because he could ride many bulls.  
He returned to Mexico to his grandfather's ranch.  
The World Champion. In Jalisco, Aguas Calientes, and Coahuila  
He rode, and Castano, Monclova and the frontier saw him.  
On July 30, 1970, flying over Wyoming, he died in an accident.

His mother said he left his heart in Mexico.  
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Rest in peace George Paul Miers.