



ALL COWBOY & ARENA CHAMPIONS HALL OF FAME

Larry Slatton



Born July 9, 1945 in Cisco, Texas, Larry Slatton started Bareback riding in 1966 at Cisco Jr. College.

Larry moved to Fort Worth in 1965.

Larry would participate in 2 to 3 Buckouts Jackpots per week (Roland Reed, Bob Jenkins, Jack Ratjen and Harry Miller). Later on this would provide seed money for weekend entry fees.

Larry joined Rodeo Cowboys Association (RCA) in 1969 and participated through 1976. He won or placed in numerous rodeos in North Texas; Mesquite, Weatherford, Stephenville, Ranger, Paris and Decatur to name a few. Larry

was a permanent fixture on weekends at Mesquite and/or Steiner Rodeos.

Larry's mentor was Borger Red Nixon, Eastland, Texas (TRCHOF 2007) and was his hero and helped with encouragement and advice during these rodeo years.

Traveling buddies were Jerry Hill, Richard Simpson and Gary "Goose" Gregg. Herman Younger, David Curry and Gene Dyson also helped along the way.

After redoing, Larry started Team Roping and training horses with good friend Jim Bailey. Early on Larry made the decision to rodeo close to home because of his young daughter, Shelly, who would travel with him on "daddy" weekends to the rodeos.

Larry says he never regretted his decision to stay close to home.

People would ask Larry if he made any money. His reply was, "It was not about the money but the adrenaline rush and making enough money to get to the next rodeo."

