



# ALL COWBOY & ARENA CHAMPIONS

## HALL OF FAME



## Jack Caraway

2023 ACACHOF Inductee



Jack was born July 8, 1944, to W.E. & Betty Carraway in Conroe, Texas. At this time his father gave him his first heifer calf to start his herd. This started his love for all things related to agriculture. He is still raising cattle today.

Jack graduated from Magnolia High School in 1962. He was the first young man from Magnolia to achieve The American Farmer Degree in 1963. This is the highest award given by the FFA.

Jack would earn his A.A. degree from Blinn College in 1964, his B.S. from Sam Houston State University in 1966, Masters of Education from SHSU and Mid-Management Degree from Stephen F. Austin University.

Jack was hired to teach Vocational Ag at Dayton High School in January of 1967. At this time Dayton FFA held a Livestock Show & Rodeo in May of each year. This was a 3 day rodeo, they also held a 3 day rodeo over the 4th of July and Labor Day drawing contestants from Texas, Okla. and Louisiana. The Dayton FFA owned their own arena and bucking stock. They also produced a 3 day rodeo in Humble, Tx. as well as some 2 day rodeos in Coldsprings and Mauriceville twice a year. Jack and a couple of his students would haul stock to Phelps, Tx. for a one night show about 4 times a year. Jack was instrumental in getting an All-Girl Rodeo started each fall.



In 1981 the Dayton FFA entered into an agreement with Frontier Days in Dayton, Tx. to produce rodeos each Friday & Saturday night and Sunday afternoon for the summer months. That was a one summer run. In 1981 an Association called the Dayton Rodeo Cowboys Assn. was formed that lasted through 1983. It drew some of the best cowboys and cowgirls that were competing at the time in all events. These DRCA rodeos were held in conjunction with all of the Dayton FFA sponsored rodeos.

Jack was selected as the Outstanding Teacher of the Year for Dayton ISD for the 1980 - 81 school year. Jack left teaching in 1983 and was hired by the Dayton ISD as the Assistant Business Manager. He would go on to become the Business Manager and retired in 2003 as Associate Superintendent of Finance. Jack was inducted into the Dayton ISD Wall of Fame in 2009.

Today Jack and two of his granddaughters run a herd of about 200 registered Santa Gertrudis cattle.

Jack also served as a director for the Liberty Co. Federal Teachers Credit Union for 24 years and remains a director for Old River Drainage District #1 for Liberty Co. and a director for Lower Trinity Valley Soil & Water Conservation Dist.

Throughout his teaching career he has greatly influenced the lives of many of his students who have grown into leadership roles all across the great nation of ours. We, as former students take great pride in nominating him for this award and would like him to know how much we appreciate all the time he spent with us through the years. Thank you sir.