



Mr. Max Henry Horne

February 20, 1925 - November 10, 2013

A consummate gentleman and true cowboy, Max Horne lived his life surrounded by the people he loved, working with animals he loved, on the land he loved – land that was purchased by his great grandfather, Anderson Petty, in 1879.

A fiercely independent man with a well-known stubborn streak, he combined the things he loved with hard work and was known across the state and beyond for shoeing horses for nearly 60 years; carrying the mail on the Glen Cove Route for 55 years; roping steers into his eighties, competing in and often winning the “old timer’s” team roping events; and loving Christmas, carrying on his father’s tradition of playing Santa.

He also farmed and raised livestock, managing his last big herd well into his eighties. In his youth, he rode stock trains to Kansas City, worked cattle on his uncle’s ranch, and married the “beautiful blonde” Billie Ruth Brewer, daughter of the late Alvie Curtis Brewer and Jessie Lee Johnson Brewer.

The 2000 Coleman County Rural Citizen of the Year, Horne was actively involved in many civic activities. He was elected as a Coleman County Commissioner four times, from 1975 - 1995, and while in office was appointed to serve on the Grant Review Board for West Central Texas Councils of Governments by former Governor Ann Richards. He also served on the Tax Appraisal District Board. Locally, he served on the board of directors for the Coleman Senior Citizen Center and was active in its remodeling. He served as president of the Breeder Feeder Association, president of the Coleman County Livestock Show and senior president of the Coleman Junior Rodeo Association. In 1958, he received the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree from the Coleman FFA Chapter in recognition of outstanding service to vocational agriculture and to the Future Farmers of America. He was a member of the Original Team Roping Association, and a member of the Professional Cowboy Rodeo Association for more than 60 years.

Born in Tuscola, Texas, on February 20, 1925, to the late Simon Petty Horne and Lucille Pauley Horne, who had moved to Tuscola from Coleman for business opportunity, he lived

all but the first three years of his life in Coleman County.

Horne, 88 of Coleman, died November 10, 2013. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Billie and three children: Mitzi Horne (John) Summers of Paige, Texas; Simon Kit (Mindy) Horne of Tuscola, Texas; and William Scott Horne of South Orange, New Jersey. He also leaves four grandchildren: Chad (Amanda) Summers of Austin; Jenny Summers (Landry) Tucker of Paige, Texas; Adam Horne and Tova Horne of Tuscola; great granddaughter Camryn Tucker; five nephews and one niece. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Bobbie Horne McMinn.

A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church in Coleman at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 12. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First Baptist Church of Coleman, Holiday Hill Nursing Center or West Texas Rehabilitation Center Hospice of the Big Country.

Events

NOV **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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First Baptist Church

200 E College, Coleman, TX, US, 76834

Comments



“ Just heard of Max's passing and wanted to send my sypathies to you all. What a beautiful tribute you wrote about him. He sounds like a true Texan and I wished we had more of them. My prayers and thoughts are with you all.

Tammy Martin Driskill

Tammy Driskill - November 14, 2013 at 09:25 PM



“ I knew Max when I was a child, my daddy, Billie Henry, would go by and visit with him often. Then later I got to see him again when he would rope in the Seniors ropings at Abilene. He would always spend some time talking with me and I always looked forward to his visits. Please accept my deepest sympathy...he was a very special and caring man...I guess some would say the example of a true cowboy and gentleman.
Barbara Henry Boyd, Baird, Texas

Barbara Boyd - November 12, 2013 at 06:59 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you guys. What a beautiful video and a nice tribute. Love from San Francisco, Annie

annie armstrong - November 12, 2013 at 03:24 PM



“ Billie,
We made great memories together , when we went on the Bilbrey Tour trip to Branson, Missouri. Sorry, we were unable to be with you today on short notice. John & Charlene Fort in Abilene.

John & Charlene Fort - November 12, 2013 at 02:58 PM



“ Many years together.....your family and our family..... there are lots of good memories that I'll always cherish May God bless you all and comfort you in the days ahead. Love you all..... Don Harmes and the Harmes family.

Don Harmes - November 12, 2013 at 02:18 PM



“ It has been an honor and a blessing to serve the Horne family during this difficult time and I hope that I have brought some measure of peace to Billie, Kit, Scott and Mitzi and to all of those who loved him.

Through the photos, memories and stories that have been shared with me by family and friends, I know Max's life was well lived and he was loved and will continue to be loved by all those who knew him and his family.

Thank you to Horne family for the opportunity to help celebrate such an honorable man's life and see such a moving outpouring of love and devotion to family.

Harmony - November 12, 2013 at 01:09 PM



“ I always enjoyed a visit with Max.....from 1990 when I first moved to Coleman until just a few months ago at Holiday Hill when we discussed the rainfall He was as sharp as a tack on the dates of previous large rains all the way back to the 1930's.....What a wonderful man that will be missed by many.....RIP my friend.....Sincerely Ronda May

Ronda May - November 12, 2013 at 11:55 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our family loved Max Horne. One of our favorite "Max"isms was what he said about our Leslie. He said, "She's prettier than a new rope!" He was a true Coleman county cowboy and was loved by all.

james and jo barr - November 12, 2013 at 11:51 AM



“ For the Tassot Family, Scott's friends from France, Max was a real cow boy. We stopped by Coleman maybe 13 years ago now and were supposed to stay 2 days but Max and Billie's welcome was so warm that we stayed a whole week and discovered Texas. We met the whole family and fell in love. My, now, 18 years old son, 3 at the time, still has vivid memories of Max teaching him how to rope. Jean-Claude and I remember the cattle auction and the first time we saw a hummingbird in our life! I also remember Max asking me to drive his truck while he and Jean-Claude would unload blocks of salt (?) in the pasture (I never drove a truck before and was very intimidated!)...to these days, we still have on our door a sign, bought there, saying: "We do not dial 911" and each time I see it, it reminds me of that amazing trip. We will certainly miss you Max and I can tell you that I will never forget your birthday as it is on the same day as my father's.
Repose en paix Max!

Love to Billie and family and special hugs to Scott
Bea, Jean-Claude and Archie

Bea Tassot - November 12, 2013 at 11:31 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Max's passing and my condolences go out to the entire family. Scott, I so enjoyed getting to know both your dad and mom at your house and have very fond memories of several different visits. Your tribute to your dad was beautiful and showed lots of love and pride. I am sending positive energy and love your way.

Tim Russell

Tim Russell - November 12, 2013 at 11:10 AM



“ What a wonderful tribute to Max. Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers extend to the family at this time. With much love, Mr.& Mrs. Glynn Collier (Goldthwaite), Tom Collier & Richard Hisey (Dallas).

tom collier - November 12, 2013 at 09:16 AM



“ 12 Nov 2013 ----- Max Horne Family -----

With regret read the obit online yesterday. Condolences are sent to the family. I have many positive memories of Max and Billie ----- and even more of his father and mother. Mr. Simon always permitted me, Sumter Weatherred and Bob Newsom to fish in their ponds and hunt small game on their land ----- was a special time in the life of three young fellows.

With much respect ----- John P. Tyson M.D.// Denison, Texas

John P. Tyson M.D. - November 12, 2013 at 08:33 AM



“ What a beautiful and moving video tribute to your dad, Scott! Glad to have met him at your home. Huge hug to you and your mom with lots of love and support to you...

Gary Diamante

Chaz Wolf

Gary Diamante - November 11, 2013 at 10:07 PM



“ Remember as a little boy taking horses out to Max with my dad to be shod and him giving me some old horse shoes and always taking time to shoot the bull with me. Made me feel pretty special. He also took the time to teach me about roping when I was about 10 years old or so. He really enjoyed doing that kind of stuff. He was a great man and always went out of his way to speak and shake your hand when he saw you. I'll always remember that. So sorry for your loss. I know he will truly be missed.

Dee McClure - November 11, 2013 at 09:38 PM



“ Thinking of you all at this time of loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

JoAnn & Carrie Hale

Carrie & JoAnn Hale - November 11, 2013 at 06:13 PM



“ A honor to have known Max. Prayers for the family. God bless each of you.
Larry and Donna (Anderson) Johnson

Donna Johnson - November 11, 2013 at 01:40 PM



“ A true honor to have known Max and to be able to serve the family.
Benny M. Allcorn

Benny M. Allcorn - November 10, 2013 at 05:19 PM



“ Sending our love and support to the entire Horne family. We are proud to have his family in
our lives.

Tim Arnold and Dale Ballew

Tim Arnold - November 11, 2013 at 01:30 PM