

Jackie Worthington

Class of 1942

Worthington graduated from Jacksboro High School in 1942. She attended Texas State College for Women in Denton. Between the years of 1949 and 1954 she won: Girls Rodeo Association All Around World Champion six times, four Bull Riding World Championships, two Bareback Bronc World Championships, and one Ribbon Roper World Championship. She own a total of 17 individual world titles. She helped organize the Girl's Rodeo Association in 1948. This organization later was renamed the Women's Professional Rodeo Association. She served as its president for two years – 1954-55. *Sidesaddle*, which is the publication of the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame, called "her involvement with the founding to the Girl's Rodeo Association legendary." She was one of the first to be inducted into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center in 1975, the year the Hall of Fame was founded. Her portrait, painted by Shirley Crystal, was unveiled at the Hall of Fame in August 1987. She was also featured on the cover of the *Sidesaddle* magazine in 1987. She retired from the rodeo circuit at the age of 32. Jackie helped her father on the ranch. After her father's death in 1971, she continued operating the family ranch. She operated the ranch until after her death. She passed away at her home on September 26, 1987.