



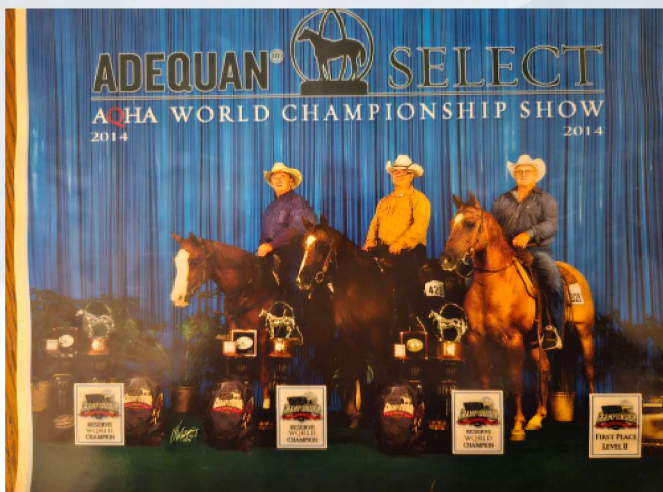
Hall of Fame

Gary was born in Rogersville, MO in 1947. He and his brother, Jerry, were raised on a dairy farm where they learned the meaning of hard work and dedication and developed a passion for cattle. As a result of Gary's exposure over the years, he developed a keen ability to read cattle. He has often said



his ability to read a cow surpassed his horsemanship. Gary has shown national champions and judged cattle in 5 foreign countries, many state fairs and several national shows at the World Dairy Expo. He is a member of three dairy breed associations. In 2011 he was inducted into the Dairy Hall of Honors at the University of Missouri.

Gary attended the University of Missouri at Columbia, majoring in Agriculture and Education. Upon graduation, he moved to Alton, Missouri and taught Vocational Agriculture for six years. Over time, he became fascinated with the art of auctioneering. His interest eventually led him to change



partner at Blansets sale barn in Ozark, MO for 20 years. His deep-rooted interest in helping people and his love for the dairy cow have always been evident in his dealings from the auction block. Over the years Gary has had some very interesting experiences, those of which include an auction he sold at South Fork where all the cast of the hit show "Dallas" were in attendance, including "JR" and "Bobby".

Gary raised 3 boys, Rusty, Ryan and Randall. Each of them graduated from college and played college football.

Gary spent several years team roping, which was his main passion until a couple of his friends invited him to a penning in Guthrie, OK. That was in the early 90's and the start of a 32-year adventure. In later years Gary went back to Guthrie and won Reserve Champion, which was one of his most cherished wins.

His brother, Jerry, owned the NLA arena in Nixa, MO where many friends from the surrounding towns and nearby states would come to team pen. Kim Hemphill frequently brought Niki and Tori to Jerry's arena over the summer to practice. Both Estes brothers were very active in the MOTPA and USTPA. Jerry produced several USTPA shows at his arena and Gary won several state championships and was a member of the MOTPA board.

Gary has won many buckles, saddles and various prizes in USTPA and several AQHA world titles, but his greatest joy has been watching many of the people who were just kids back when he started grow into accomplished riders. One of Gary's most treasured memories is Hoss Frank bringing

career paths. Gary has been a successful auctioneer for the past 50 years, selling cattle nationwide. He was also a the Lesh boys to Guthrie, and watching the crowd go wild!! Team penning is a great family sport, creating a promising future

for generations to come. The relationships and experiences Gary has had over the last 32 years will be long cherished and remembered. He is very honored and humbled by being inducted into USTPA Hall of Fame, an organization for which he has great respect.

