

## **Wesley “Buzzy” Stensatter**

Wesley “Buzzy” Stensatter was born in 1933 in the Fargo area. Buzzy was a nephew of Lucien and Eddie Barnes of West Fargo, and they were the ones who gave Buzzy his start in horses. Buzzy spent his early years farming with his uncle and working with horses and other types of livestock. At one time, Lucien raised beautiful, well-trained Shetland ponies, with which Buzzy enjoyed working. Later, they began raising Arabian horses, as well, which gave Buzzy experience in riding. Eventually the three turned their interests to Quarter Horses, as they were much more to Buzzy’s liking than Arabians, and he had long since outgrown the ponies.

As Buzzy became more intrigued by Quarter Horses, he spent time reading the *Western Horseman* magazine and taking trips south to look at horses such as Poco Bueno, Sugar Bars, Leo, and many of the King Ranch horses.

When he was nineteen he entered the service where he served for three years. Upon his return, he eventually started working at the post office in Fargo. Later he was transferred to Colorado.

Buzzy moved Lucien and Eddie Barnes and their horses back and forth between North Dakota and Arizona for 15 years. On every trip they would overnight at Lynn Laske's ranch in Oklahoma. They drove Lucien's 1980s Chevy half-ton pickup, and Buzzy gave the old pickup to Lynn when the trips ended. Over the years, Buzzy also spent a great deal of time with Don Taylor, Ted Ressler and Alvin Gabbert.

Later in his life, Buzzy moved to San Angelo, Texas, where he bought a ranch and raised Angus cattle for several years. He is now retired and still lives in San Angelo.

Buzzy was among the first to bring Quarter Horses to North Dakota, and he is amazed to see how the Quarter Horse industry has evolved. A lasting lesson Buzzy has learned is to take advantage of every chance you get.