

HONORARY VAQUERO



Ramon "Monte" Vanegas

Born in 1916 to Alfonso and Beatrice Ortega Vanegas, his family tree can be traced to the explorer Gaspar de Portola's visit to the New World in 1769.

Monte spent his early years living on the Dent ranch, and at the age of seven, he moved to the Casitas Ranch, where his father was manager. Growing up in Ventura, Monte's favorite past time was roping, bareback and bull riding.

As a young man Monte's time was spent with horses and cattle. He worked for Bill Clark on the Chisamoo Ranch which today is under Lake Casitas. In 1935 he trained horses in Hope Ranch for Mr. Fred Vandever. He then moved on to the Double D ranch in Danville, and then back to Santa Barbara County where he was employed by the Rancho San Fernando Rey and Raymond Cornelius in Santa Ynez.

A life time of roping, riding and ranching, A piece of California's history, this has been and still is Monte Vanegas life. He continues the tradition with his history that he freely shares.

Truely a Vaquero We are honored to have him with us as the 1995 Fiesta Rodeo Honorary Vaquero.