

Dr. Doug Householder, 76, passed to go be with his Heavenly Father on October 23, 2021, after a hard fought battle with Covid. He and his family had recently moved to Weatherford, Texas from College Station, Texas. He was born July 30, 1945, the son of Marguerite and Dorwin Householder, who were livestock farmers outside Junction City, Ohio, where he grew up raising cattle, hogs and horses. Doug was a hard working and devoted husband and father. He is survived by Brenda (Gibbs) Householder, whom he has been married to for the past 49 years. They have one daughter, Dustie Kay Householder, now residing in Weatherford, Texas.

Doug received his Bachelors Degree from Ohio State University. There he was elected Chancellor of Alpha Zeta Fraternity, President of the Saddle and Sirloin Club, and named outstanding senior in the 1967 Ohio State Univ. College of Agriculture. He earned his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Texas A&M University. He worked as an Extension Horse Specialist, (Professor and Extension Horse Specialist Emeritus), in the Dept. of Animal Science at Texas A&M University for 30 years. Dr. Householder traveled extensively during his career speaking and conducting horse educational programs. He also judged horse shows nationally for 5 breed associations. He enjoyed doing horsemanship clinics in Texas and Montana, and loved having his daughter, Dustie, help with teaching. His passion was helping others with their horses, and he loved showing and competing himself.

Dr. Householder received recognitions and awards from numerous horse industry associations, too many to mention. A notable example of his leadership given to the horse industry was being the primary person to start and help form the Stock Horse Of Texas (SHOT) organization. He was passionate about the success of SHOT as he knew it would fill a gap in the horse show world.

Other examples of his leadership was working extensively with the United Mounted Patrol Police Officers organization, and organizing and hosting the first statewide horse radio program The Texas Horseman. Doug also worked with industry professionals in giving lead to the formation of the Texas Reining Horse Association. He also worked with District Extension Directors and County Agents to formalize the establishment of 12 District Extension Horse Committees. This sparked an increase in the number and roles of Adult Volunteer Leaders statewide, energized the District 4-H Horse Show Management Teams and was key to the organization of local groups known as County Extension Horse Committees. So Doug's vision, organization skills and hard work resulted in a bigger and better Texas Horse Industry serving and benefitting both youth and adult horse people. Upon retirement, Doug was recognized with the designation of Extension Horse Specialist Emeritus.

Doug became a Christian at an early age and was a previous member of Central Baptist Church, Cowboy Fellowship of Aggieland, and recently the Parker County Cowboy Church in the Weatherford area.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marguerite and Dorwin Householder; and his father and mother-in-law, Tom and Maurice Gibbs.