

Bonnie and Darrell Bell

2016 LEGEND OF AGRICULTURE

Darrell Bell and Bonnie Hammond, life-long Coloradans, were married on May 25, 1947. Darrell had just returned from the war and they were both eager to start their lives together, raising a family and pursuing their dreams of raising livestock and ranching. In line with the times, Bonnie stayed home and worked the garden, tended to chores, and took care of the kids while Darrell did day work for several of the local ranchers and dairy farmers.

Darrell was a rodeo cowboy and loved to “work” all the events but seemed to enjoy calf roping and saddle bronc riding the best.

Bonnie was his most staunch supporter and loved to go along taking her “brood” of kids with her. Darrell was a member of the Douglas County Fair Board from 1963 and 1975 with a focus on the rodeo and 4-H program. In addition, to their own children, Bonnie and Darrell helped local youth learn skills needed to participate in rodeo events, providing practice sessions and loaning their own horses so that others could participate.

Bonnie and Darrell were some of the original members of the Douglas County Young Farmers and Homemakers where they enjoyed the comradery and established many lifelong friendships with other members.

Bonnie and Darrell’s lifelong commitment to the Douglas County 4-H program, the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo and their desire to help young people exemplify the qualities of a “Legend of Agriculture.” CALF is privileged to recognize Bonnie and Darrell as this year’s Legend of Agriculture Honorees.

