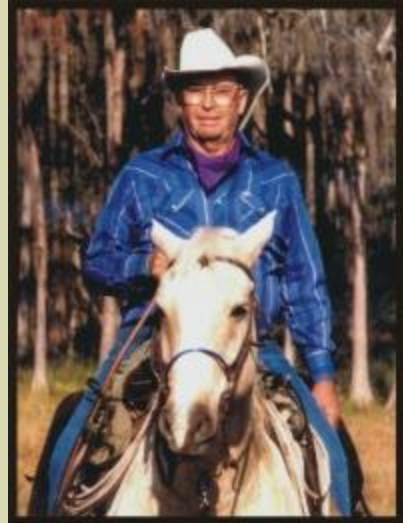


Ed Yarborough 1931 - 2000

Edward Yarborough was born in 1931 into an agricultural and cattle family as a third generation native. These were the days of open range, when at the age of four Ed learned to ride and tend cattle from the saddle of his uncle W. G. Killbee's horse. Mosquitoes, saw palmetto, rattlesnakes, whips, high water, low water, and camping under the stars were Ed's first memories of life in early Florida. This life led to a strong knowledge and respect for the natural environment and he believed that "a proper balance must be maintained between the environment and the use and benefits from a working cattle operation."



Ed felt so strongly about the area known as Seminole County, which according to him "God made to keep the world together", that he served as County Commissioner for eight years. Ed also held office in the Seminole County Cattleman's Association almost every year since its inception in 1951 and served on numerous state and local agricultural advisory boards. He spent time as the director of the County Farm Bureau and was a member of the Stabilization and Conservation Service for many years. He remained a director of the Citizen's Bank of Oviedo for the past 28 years.

Ed continued the family tradition and kept his family involved in the daily operations of their 8,000 acre ranch, teaching them to work cattle from the age of five or six. Today, his wife Imogene, daughters Lynn and Reba, and sons J.W. and Bo carry on his dedication to maintaining that balance on the acres of woodlands, wetlands, and pasture adjacent to the Econlockhatchee River and St. Johns River. The family tenaciously holds on to an endangered lifestyle because that's what they know and love and it's what Ed would expect. As Imogene recently and so eloquently stated, "It's all God's country and we have been blessed to take care of it."