

# National 4-H Hall of Fame 2011

## Colorado



### Raleigh Brooks

Colorado 4-H Program Leader

Home: Timnath, Colorado

Nominated by: Colorado 4-H

#### Major 4-H Accomplishments:

Graduated from Colorado State University in 1951 with a BS in animal husbandry. 4-H Agent in Pueblo County, 1956-1961. Assistant State 4-H Leader, 1961-1980. Earned MS in Education in 1968 with thesis titled "Learning Climate For 4-H". Appointed State 4-H Leader in 1980 and served in that position until retirement in 1988.

**Significant Honors:** Pueblo newspaper "Page One Award" (1958), Champion Agent Livestock Judge (1958), F. A. Anderson Award as the outstanding CSU campus-based Extension professional (1978), Honorary Trustee with the Colorado 4-H Foundation (1992), Colorado 4-H Foundation Honors Recognition (2000).

#### Biography:

Through the years, Raleigh Brooks has given constant support to traditional 4-H programs and participants and helped create many programs for non-traditional and at-risk youth, their teachers and parents. Whether in these programs or the traditional farm/ranch, science, or home economics program areas, his goal was to build youth instead of jails. In 1956 Raleigh became the Agricultural and 4-H Agent in Pueblo County. He held this position until 1961, when the Extension Director asked him to serve as Assistant State 4-H Leader at CSU. He earned his MS in Education in 1968, with his thesis titled "Learning Climate For 4-H". Raleigh was appointed State 4-H Leader in 1980 and served in that position until his retirement in 1988.

Brooks' many state duties included coordinating international 4-H programs and extension international exchanges, initiating the Community Pride program with support from Chevron Oil, coordinating the National Western Stock Show program for 4-H and building the Catch-A-Calf program, coordinating the 4-H Roundup program which he helped expand to over 25 states, coordinating 4-H state fair activities, coordinating national awards for National 4-H Congress, Citizenship-Washington Focus and National 4-H Conference and guiding the Colorado 4-H Youth Fund. He has planted and sold crops of sweet corn and pumpkins to fund local charities and CSU Collegiate 4-H. Raleigh and his wife Edith are active members of Timnath Presbyterian Church and sing in the choir.

#### Quote:

What we've tried to do with 4-H since its inception is to take the information out of the land-grant system and to provide an opportunity for youth explore in real life what that means, whether it's a livestock program or an aerospace program. Our curriculum delivers the latest technology coming out of the university and matches that with the needs of our population, both youth and their parents. We're more and more on the cutting edge with youth that are most vulnerable.



Sears-Roebuck Foundation Breakfast, 1963 National 4-H Club Congress.



CSU Gala event with donors and Malcolm Forbes.



Hard at work as a Pueblo County 4-H Agent.