

WHEN A CITY GIRL *goes country*

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When Ranchers Dress Up



Annette and her husband in October 2023, and the couple around 25 years ago. (Photo courtesy of Annette Bridges)

I'm one of those cattle ranching gals who enjoys any reason to exchange her jeans and rubber boots for a sassy dress and fancy boots. Of course, there are times when I wear some cute little sundress with my rubber boots out in the pasture. Who says there is a dress code for work clothes?

What woman doesn't like to have an excuse to get spruced up?

My hubby and I often look at ourselves when dressed for whatever special occasion and tell each other that we clean up pretty darn well. And why not?

It feels good to put on lavish and elegant duds!

Generally, when working on our ranch we wear clothes we don't worry about getting torn or stained. So, opportunities to get out our good stuff is a treat.

Dressing up for our evening meals is usually part of our vacation fun. Whether we've spent the day in our swimsuits at the beach or our jeans and flannel shirts fishing at our favorite mountain lake, changing into some festive attire for the evening is fun for these cattle ranchers.

Even after over forty years together our reasons for dressing up remain the same. I think the only thing different about us is the length and color of my hair! And a few pounds!

I intend to be like my mom during my senior years. That Mrs. was decked out in her best every day along with the appropriate accessories, jewelry and lipstick color.

I used to joke and say I can't drive my tractor without my lipstick on. Honestly, that is no joke! I simply don't feel ready for the day or dinner out without my lips

properly coated.

And these days I'm almost always channeling my grandmother who had a hat for every situation.

The bottom line is do whatever makes your heart sing whenever and where ever. Your reasons are your own.

Please yourself first, your honey second. That's this city girl gone country's humble philosophy.

Plus, I was fortunate to marry a sweet and very wise man who believes if his wife is happy, then he is happy. 🍷