



Mack Chase
1931 - 2023
Inducted 2011

Born and raised in Artesia, New Mexico, Mack Chase served in the U.S. Army as an A&E (airframe and engine) mechanic before joining his father and brother in the oil business. In 1968, he established his own business, Mack Chase, Inc., operating as many as 21 rigs. In 1974, he partnered with driller and business owner Johnny Gray to form Marbob Energy, named after their wives. The company offered pumping services and well servicing in Eddy County. Initially, Marbob purchased wells or leases with marginal production, reworked the wells, and produced them. As the company grew, they began their own drilling and development program. The first to discover the productive capacity of the Yeso Trend in southeast New Mexico, Chase and Gray were the pioneers of the field that would become the largest oil producer in New Mexico. By 1991, Marbob was producing about 3,000 barrels per day. Soon after, Mack Chase put his assets into a new company, Mack Energy Corporation. Marbob Energy was acquired by Concho Resources in 2010.